

# Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana

May 24, 2011

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Oliver Jenkins at 3:01 p.m., Tuesday, May 24, 2011, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman S. Jenkins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Corbin.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Rose Wilson-McCulloch, Jeff Everson, Michael Corbin, Oliver Jenkins, Ron Webb, Joe Shyne, and Sam Jenkins. 7. Absent: None.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, May 9, 2011 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 10, 2011. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Awards, Recognition of Distinguished Guests, Communications of the Mayor relative to city business, and Required Reports

Awards and recognition of distinguished guests by the Mayor, not to exceed fifteen minutes.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, members of the Council. As you all may recall the last Council Meeting, I shared with you that we recently celebrated what we in the administration term our student leadership luncheon. We held that event at the Sky box at Independence Stadium, and we did have Councilwoman McCulloch who was able to join us on that particular day. That particular effort was to honor the student leaders throughout Shreveport and Caddo Parish. We had the various Valedictorians, Salutatorians, Student Council leaders, Class Leaders, we even presented a laptop to the one student in all of Caddo Parish this year who managed to achieve perfect attendance from K-12. Recognizing that it's important to honor and to uplift those who are the student and academic and intellectual leaders on various campuses. But we also recognize that along with those intellectual and academic students, we have young folks who manage to achieve excellence in various playing fields and courts across the state, and we also think that it's appropriate to recognize them as well. And so as Mayor, I am instituting a recognition that we intend to institutionalize called "Championship Tuesday". It's the last Tuesday of every May of

every year to stop and to give us a chance as a city, and as a region to recognize these young folks who have managed to be able to become the very best at that particular endeavor that they're involved across the entirety of the State of Louisiana, and I'm very proud to say that we have quite a number of them Mr. Chairman and members of the Council. At this point, I'm going to ask that the young folks from Caddo Magnet High School prepare to come forward. Caddo Magnet High School managed to achieve three (3) State Championships this year. First in Girls Gymnastics, the second in Archery, Co-ed or Co-ed Archery and the third in Boys Gymnastics. The mustangs Mr. Chairman, won championships in both boys and girls gymnastics as I've stated. The girls took top honors in Division I, and the boys claimed the 2<sup>nd</sup> title in Division II. I believe it's appropriate also to single out Council Members, the particular accomplishments of Lakeitha Sims for her individual performance. Lakeitha took first place in the Vault and Uneven Parallel Bars, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Balance Beam and Floor Exercise, and 1<sup>st</sup> in the All Around Competition. But the gymnasts didn't have all the fun at Caddo Magnet this year. Mr. Chairman, the Archeries took their spot on top of the award podium as well. Claiming a state title that also propelled them to the National Championships in Lewisville, KY. Julie Anderson coaches all three squads and she's here today to accept the awards. So join me in congratulating Coach Anderson for this outstanding trifecta that she and the Mustangs have achieved. Mary Rounds is the Principal of Caddo Magnet High, and I believe we also have Dr. Mary Nash Robinson, Asst Superintendent of Caddo Schools who is here today with us as well. So for the three State Championships, there is Award No. 1, Award No. 2., and Award No. 3. You guys come on up and line up here behind me. And I think we also have (correct me if I'm wrong) (inaudible), we'll go back over that once the meeting is over, because I thought we had one that was separate as well. At this point and time, we're going to ask you guys to stand forward and look straight ahead.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Mr. Mayor, if you would, ask 'em to state their names for the record so they can get it on the record.

Mayor Glover: Absolutely, we're going to have Ms. Anderson make some comments first and then we'll get every one of these athletes officially recognized.

Ms. Anderson: This is my second year at Caddo Magnet High School, and I feel it's a blessing to be at that school. I was an at home mother for 20 years, and so my kids are grown a little bit now, and so I decided to go to work, and I chose Magnet. And I'm very glad that I did. I've got a great team, like he said, Lakeitha did an unbelievable job this year, it was amazing. I've got 46 kids on my team and they all couldn't be here today because they because they have (inaudible), but on my Archery Team, I've got 20 as well, and I do have two girls, the Trafford sisters who have qualified for the 2012 Olympics. So they train (inaudible) they're not just academically gifted, they're gifted in other ways as well and thank you guys for acknowledging us. You know a school like ours, we don't get a lot of recognition, so this is really special to us. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: We'll start with the ladies first, so this young lady, then Kiki as she's referred to and the other young ladies and then the gentlemen. Step on up and give us your name and your grade as well as your score.

Ms. Hulhouser: Kristen Hulhouser, Sophmore, Gymnastics.

Councilman Shyne: Give us your grade point average too! I'm just kidding. I'm just kidding.

Ms. Sims: Lakeitha Sims, Junior, Gymnastics as well;

Ms. Trafford: Rachel Trafford, Senior, Archery Team.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And where are you going to school?

Ms. Trafford: I'm going to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Good for you.

Mr. Garcia: I'm Adam Garcia, and I'm a senior this year, and I did a little Archery and Gymnastics.

Mr. Johnson: I'm Thomas Johnson, I'm a senior this year, and I did Gymnastics, and I played my role as Gymnastics Team Captain.

Mr. Gonzales: I'm Joshua Gonzales, and I did Archery, I'm a senior also.

Mr. Wong: I'm Nathan Wong, and I'm sophomore, and I'm Gymnastics.

Mr. Nguyen: I'm Michael Nguyen, senior, and I did Archery and Gymnastics, and I'm also single.

Ms. Anderson: Only at Magnet.

Mr. Grissom: My name is Nick Grissom, I competed in Archery and Gymnastics this year and I'm a senior.

Mayor Glover: Well again Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, join me in giving a warm round of applause to these outstanding students and athletes. Appreciate you. Next Mr. Chairman, the young men of Calvary Baptist Academy, the Boys Golf Team. Please join me up here gentlemen. Also accompanied by their coach, Rusty Ward and the Superintendent of Calvary Baptist Academy, Mr. Ken Kruithhof, and Principal, Rhonda Honea. Come on up (inaudible). Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, in the Boys Division Four Golf Tournament, youth prevailed as Calvary successfully defended its state championship title. The team which consists of three 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and two Sophomores, won its second state title by 28 strokes. Now I don't even golf and I know that's good. The top scorer for Calvary was 8<sup>th</sup> Grader Sam Burns who closed with a 69. That score was four shots better than his opening round of 73. With a group like this Coach Rusty Ward has to feel pretty good about his chances to keep the dynasty going and going, and going. Now, this group was here last year, we're honored to have them back again this year, and as stated we expect to see this winning continue to go, and go, and go. So on behalf of the City of Shreveport in appreciation to your commitment to excellence, it is great privilege to present to you the Mayor's Award of Excellence. Would you please come up and address the Council and the City of Shreveport.

Coach Ward: Thank you Mayor. It's an honor and a privilege to be here again for the second year. And we just thank Mayor Glover and his staff for being so diligent and making the phone calls and setting this up. And like he said Golf at Calvary looks very bright for the future. But not only Golf, but the scholastic part of it too. These guys excel in the classroom, not only on the golf course, and most of 'em can't even drive yet. So they had to have their parents bring them down here today. And we appreciate all their support too, because without their support and these young men's support, then I wouldn't have anything to do. So I just ride around in the golf cart and just watch. And want to again tell them thank you. And also Mr. Kruithhof for him allowing me to have this opportunity to tag along with these guys and hopefully get a few more rings. But once again, want to thank the Council for having us today. Thank you.

Mr. Kruithhof: (Inaudible) so I've just been blessed to be at Calvary with these young men. They're really, really fine young men, and we're extremely proud of 'em. When three 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and two Sophomores win, that's really unusual. They're actually better young men than they are golfers. So congratulations. Thank you Mayor for this honor.

Mayor Glover: Come on up and take a picture for all the folks up here. That'll work.

Councilman Webb: Do y'all agree with that statement that you're better young men than golfers? They're not saying anything.

Councilman Everson: They're really smiling.

Mayor Glover: Alright this is a team filled with youth, who is the oldest player? To my left? We'll start with the oldest and go all the way down to the youngest. Give them your name and what grade you're in and we'll get you officially entered into the records of the City Council.

Mr. Traweek: Blake Traweek, Sophomore.

Mr. Cosby: Grant Cosby, Sophomore.

Mr. Alford: Ryan Alford, Freshman.

Mr. Kochakian: Garrett Kochakian, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Mr. Russell: Gunner Russell, 8th Grade.

Mr. Burns: Sam Burns, 8<sup>th</sup>.

Coach Ward: I'd like to recognize Sam Rogers. Sam is my Assistant Coach that actually - - - he's not an assistant coach, he's a Co-Head Coach and he does all the work for us, I would like for him to be recognized also today. Sam Rogers, one of Shreveport's finest.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Calvary, thank you guys for outstanding work, and we look forward to seeing you all continue your commitment to excellence for years to come. Thank you much for

coming down today, appreciate you. Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, we're now to Evangel Christian Academy. The Evangel Eagles won three state championships this year. Football, head coached by Phillip Deas, Softball Head Coach, Sherylyn Mueller, and baseball, by Coach Tim Hullet. Principal at Evangel is Albert A. Bud" Dean. Would you all come and join me up front, we'll start with football. Evangel Football as I said is coached by Coach Phillip Deas, a former Evangel Eagle quarterback himself, and he also went on to play at the collegiate level. Coach Deas has a good problem as the Evangel Head Coach, and some might say it's harder to win when your team is expected to win, year after year, but I suspect Coach Deas welcomes the challenge and appreciates the opportunity to be a part of a such an outstanding legacy and to have the expectation of meeting such lofty goals every year. The feared Class 2A rival John Curtis, 28-14 to win the schools second straight championship is without question an outstanding achievement. Congratulations Coach. Come on up and tell us how many state titles you guys have won up until this point.

Coach Deas: Well thank you so much Mayor, this is a great day for all the young men here that are being honored and we appreciate you setting this as a yearly thing. This was Evangel's 13<sup>th</sup> state championship this year, and 13 of the last 18. So they've all come in a pretty small framework of time there. So we're really excited not just about this team, but about the future, and as you look around at these guys, we could only bring a small number of our team, but we brought these guys here because it's important for them to receive the honor and the recognition that they have put in so much hard work and dedication to make this possible. So, we love what we can do for the City of Shreveport. And we're doing everything we can to get our great city out there.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Coach, on behalf of the City of Shreveport and in recognition of all of the outstanding work that you all have done on the football field, it is my great privilege to present to you Coach, this Mayoral Award of Excellence.

Principal Albert A. "Bud" Dean: Thank you Council Members, Mayor Glover for recognizing like Coach Deas said, all the excellence with all the schools with all the athletes that are here. We're especially proud of our three teams that won, but we also had a state runner-up in Basketball, and we had five State Literary Champions, three Overall State Literary Champions, and two State Drama Champions at Evangel. It's been a great year for us. And we really are proud to represent Shreveport in the accomplishments of our students.

Mr. Duron: Dakota Duron, Sophomore.

Mayor Glover: Give us positions as well.

#### Football team members are:

Octravian Anderson (Papoo), Dexter Burnom, Mark Cooper, D. J. Driskell, David Dee Duron, Dionte' McDuffy, Matthew Monette, Austin Morgan, Jermauria Rasco, Cody Roan, Austin Dobynes, D. J. Gatlin, Hayden Jennings, Jenetrell Oliver, Gerald Shouse, Brandon Stewart, Trey Taylor, Jake Wallace, Chris Warren, Dakota Duron, X'Zavier Preston, Trent Taylor, and Josh Thomas.

Mayor Glover: Commitment to excellence, Mr. Chairman and members of the Council is not just on the gridiron for the Evangel Eagles. They are committed to excellence as you've heard from the principal in so many different areas. Amongst those happen to be their Softball program. The Softball team is on a championship streak that few schools can match. Last month the Lady Eagles captured their third straight state championship by defeating Kinder by a score of 14-4. Now the leader of this outstanding squad is Coach Sherylyn Mueller. There you go. Am I pronouncing that correctly? That works, that works. Please come up and share a few words with us concerning this outstanding squad of your ladies you have.

Coach Mueller: Okay. I'd just like to thank you for having us and we're very honored to be here in front of you today. I'm just humbled to be able to coach this group of girls, I feel blessed to be able to lead these girls not only in softball, but in their spiritual walk. I feel like it is my calling to lead them, and I just feel blessed to be their coach.

Mayor Glover: And in recognition of your outstanding work, it is my great privilege to present to you Coach and members of the Evangel Ladies Softball Team, this Mayoral Award of Excellence in recognition of all your outstanding works.

#### Softball Team members are:

Allie Adger, Olivia Guin, Jenna Kreamer, Lindsey Neyland, Shelby Salley, Faith Miletello, Mckenzie Ashby, and Carolina Sanchez, coached by Sher Mueller and Michelle Graves.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, the Evangel Baseball Team simply would not allow themselves to be outdone by the young ladies. The Evangel Baseball Team used some last minute heroics to claim the Class 2A title over cross town rivalry, Calvary. The Eagles scored eight runs in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning, on their way to a 15-10 victory. Coach Hullet, come on up and accept this award, and I also want to acknowledge Pastor Denny Duron in his absence, and I'm not sure, do we have Pastor Kraft here today? We don't have - - - Do we have Mr. Erickson? Is Dr. Erickson here as well? Would you come on up on this one as well, since this is our last presentation to the Evangel Eagles. Coach, in recognition of the outstanding accomplishments in winning the state championship and all the work that you do to help to shape the lives of these young men, it is my great privilege to present you with this Mayor's Award of Excellence. Thank you so much. Coach Hullet, call up your starting lineup and give us the rest of the players and let 'em introduce themselves and also introduce your assistant coach who is here as well.

Coach Hullet: On behalf of my dad, Tim Hullet, I want to thank the Council and the Mayor for taking the time to recognize these young men and their accomplishments. He was unavailable to make it today, because he's in preparation to coach a minor league team for the Texas Rangers. So he sends his gratitude to each and everyone of y'all.

Mayor Glover: Why don't you tell them a little bit about your dad as well.

Coach Hullet: My dad, Tim Hullet played 11 years in major league baseball with the Chicago White Sox, Baltimore Orioles, and the Texas Rangers. Following that, he came back to Evangel

and has been the head coach for several years and also coaches a minor league team in Spokane, WA for the Texas Rangers organization.

## Baseball team members are:

Connor Castellano, Landon Crane, Chase Clarke, Jack Parker, Caleb Goodwin, Carson Castellano, David Dee Duron, Mason Smithm Nate Fielder, Harlan Richterm, Matthew Monette, Josh Lang, Daniel Cucjen, Chance Defriend, Miller Parker, Scotty Harvill, Hayden Jennings, Austin Jordan, Heath Souter, Brooks Bryan, and Spencer Goodwin.

Coach Hullet: We also want to recognize our assistant coaches, Dan Krammer, and Jeff Hullet.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Coach. Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, before we wrap up with the Evangel section of our presentation, we want to bring up the Headmaster of the School, Dr. Erickson.

Dr. Erickson: Thank you so much. On behalf of Pastor Denny Duron, our Chancellor and myself, we are very honored and we honor you as the authority of this city, the governing body of this city. Mayor, we are so proud of you and we are so proud of this Council. And we'll try to honor the authority God asked us to do. We try to model that for our kids, we try to teach them respect and honor, and we are deeply humbled and honored that you would even take this time to allow us to be here to recognize these kids. These kids are the kids of this city. God has called us to reach all the children of our city. To love them, to set a bar of excellence and it's amazing what God can do to their lives as they put Christ first, and simply work hard. And that's what these young people have done. We are so proud of these young men and these young women. And we're just honored here today. Thank you again for taking the time Mayor, thank you so much and God bless you all.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, we now move onto Loyola College Prep. They achieved two state championships this year, Boys Tennis, and Boys Golf. The boys tennis team is coached by Mike Mawhinney, and the boys golf team is coached by Steven Geter, Principal at Loyola College Prep is Mr. Frank Israel. Loyola, would you please join me up front? Mr. Chairman, the boys tennis team, know a little bit of something about defending a team title. Coach Mawhinney's boys went to New Orleans and came back with a second straight Division III Championship. That squad included the Boyd Brothers, Charlton and Carter, who also claimed the State's Doubles title as well. This is the Flyers 7<sup>th</sup> State Tennis Championship. Coach Mawhinney, congratulations, keep up the great works and know that you are certainly appreciated by the City of Shreveport. It is my great privilege in recognition of this championship to present you with this Mayor's Award of Excellence in recognition of this outstanding achievement. Thank you very much.

Coach Mawhinney: I would like to thank the Mayor and the Council here today for having us. I taught at (inaudible) for 35 years and we've had a lot of good tennis teams. This group from last year and most of them come back have been probably the most talented group and top "A" players that we've had in a long time. And we have no seniors on the team. So we're looking forward to

next year. Both on and off the court, I am very proud of all these guys. They represent our school well, they do well. They're excellent in classrooms and they spend a lot of time playing tennis and working on their skills, but they represent our schools in an excellent way. So, we're very proud of them and hope we'll be back next year. Thank you.

## Loyola Students are:

#### **Tennis**

Conner Winkler, Junior, Carter Boyd, Junior, Charley Boyd, Freshman, Conner Stano, Junior, Christian Stano, Junior, Ellis Deupree, Sophomore, Gage horn, Sophomore, Taylor Wilmore, Sophomore

Mayor Glover: Alright. We will transition into Golf. Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, the boys golf program at Loyola is quite accomplished as well. They are our last group of athletes to be honored here today, but they are certainly not the least. The Flyers Golf team won the boys state championship, for the first time since 1996. Loyola has won six state titles in golf and thanks in part to a final round 73 by Erick Ricard, the Flyers brought back the crown once again to Shreveport. Coach Steven Geter, we appreciate it, thank you much and at this time, I'm proud and honored to present to you this Mayor's Award of Excellence for this state championship. Thank you much.

Coach Geter: First of all, I'd just like to say thank you to the Mayor and the Council for having us here today. I was blessed just to have some great golfers. I'm a football coach and the one that got the longest straw to get the Golf Team this year. So it's pretty great when you got two guys come out and shoot 69s on the first day. Basically all I do is make sure that they get to the course, make sure that they have plenty of Gatorade, and my favorite part of being the Golf Coach is the practice round, because they actually had not only won the state championship, but taken several strokes off my game this year. And so we look forward to being back here next year as defending state champions and also to hopefully have me shooting in the 80s.

Mr. Thomas: Kurt Thomas, Junior.

Mr. Ricard: Eric Ricard, Sophomore.

Mayor Glover: Thank you guys, and please Mr. Israel, would you come on up and offer some comments as well.

Mr. Israel: Mayor Glover and the Council, thank you very much for recognizing these young people, and especially their coaches, who work long hours with very little money and get a lot of good work done. Loyola's been here in Shreveport for 109 years. I'm proud to tell you that we have the largest enrollment in the school's history this year, it'll be larger next year, and we'll begin construction this summer on a total renovation of the campus. So the place will be better and better able to give our kids a 21<sup>st</sup> Century education and we're proud to be a part of this city. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Thank you much. Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, lets give all of these outstanding athletes and their coaches, their parents and their supporters a round of applause. And would any of the parents or loved ones or guardians or supporters of these athletes with us here today, would you stand and be recognized as well. Thank you all so much. And at this time, we'll go ahead and pause a moment and let you guys go ahead and dismiss yourselves, unless you're wanting to stay and sit through a Council Meeting, we welcome that as well.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Mr. Mayor, I want to tell you, back in my day before there was an Evangel, there was a Shreve Christian Academy. We were able to beat them three years in a row in football, but that is - - - times have changed since then clearly.

Mayor Glover: Well Mr. Chairman and since you and I occupy the - - - you mean that in basketball or football?

Councilman O. Jenkins: Football! I think those were Southfield's last three victories in football mind you.

Mayor Glover: I think that streak must have started the year after I left.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Must have.

Mayor Glover: Because we were not so lucky against Shreve Christian. In fact the Shreve Christian campus is in fact the current Evangel campus.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Exactly.

Mayor Glover: We went 1 and 10 that fateful year, in the fall of '79. Did manage to win one before it was all said and done. Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, we wrap up today's Mayoral presentations with the recognition of a young man who has been before this body before. Not only has he been before it, but also his brother. He happens to be a part of one of the most philanthropic families here in all the state of Louisiana. It's my great privilege to present to you all a young man who has earned national acclaim for his volunteer work that he's done throughout this region, and that's Neil Nathan. Come on up Neil. Neil and I and his brother and his parents are well acquainted. We've done some wonderful work together here over the last few years, and I'm honored to be a part of the outstanding efforts that this young man and his family put forth everyday here in Shreveport and throughout our area. Neil was just honored Mr. Chairman, in Washington, D. C., as one of the 2011 Prudential Spirit of Community Award Winners. Neil attends Caddo Middle Magnet and as I stated, I'm very familiar with his efforts, because two years ago, he asked me to declare July 1st as Caretakers Day here in the City of Shreveport. Neil believes we need to honor childcare providers, senior caregivers and others like his Nana. And where is Nana, is she still with us? She had to leave. Alright, but she's a wonderful lady that you all will get a chance I'm sure to meet and see before too much longer. But Neil believes that these providers deserve recognition for the care that they provide on a daily basis helping to empower and to better the lives of so many. But Neil didn't just stop with me, he went out and he raised nearly \$2,000 for Holy Angels where his Nana used to work. That money is being used to buy laptop computers and

other equipment that will be used to help residents connect with their families online. The highlight of Neil's Washington Trip was that he had the opportunity to meet award-winning actress Susan Sarandon who congratulated him for his volunteerism, and encouraged him to continue the great work that he has been a part of. Neil's upcoming effort which is a carryover of what he started last year with regard to Holy Angels will take place on the  $26^{th}$  of next month at Buffalo Wild Wings where he is encouraging all can and are willing to come out - - - what are the hours again Neil?

Mr. Nathan: All day.

Mayor Glover: All day on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June. 20% of all the proceeds from Buffalo Wild Wings will go towards Neil's efforts at Holy Angels. Neil again, it is my great privilege, in recognition and honor of your outstanding work and service to present to you this Mayor's Award of Excellence, and to let you know I look forward to Caregiver's Day this year, and we'll be there on the 26<sup>th</sup> hopefully to be a part of your next effort at Buffalo Wild Wings. So at this point and time, please address the Council.

Mr. Nathan: I'd just like to thank the City Council and Mayor Glover for recognizing me today, and especially Mayor Glover because without him, Caretakers Day could never have been started in the City and the State and none of the finances for Holy Angels could have happened, so I'm very grateful to him for that. I also would like to thank my parents, and my mom's here today who has been very supportive of me every step of the way. Our friend, Ms. Jana Fowler, and Ms. (inaudible), and Ms. Hilary Parker who has really help me get started with Holy Angels, and introduced me to them. I thank them. And lastly I'd like to thank my Nana, who I started Caretakers Day in honor of her, and she was the inspiration behind it, and she's taken care of me every since the day I was born, and she's part of the family, and so I thank her for that. And I'd just like tell everybody here to please come out to Buffalo Wild Wings on June 26<sup>th</sup> to help support Holy Angels. I will be handing out flyers at the door, if anybody would like to take one. And you would have to give the flyer to your waiter or tell them that you're here for the fundraiser so that 20% will be donated to Holy Angels. And this will help purchase laptops, so we can connect the residents at Holy Angels to their families through Skype (inaudible) so they can have a face-to-face connection with their families and friends. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, I think that you can see the future of the City of Shreveport, the State of Louisiana and our country is outstanding hands. We look forward to continuing to see these young people grow and to develop into the outstanding individuals and future leaders that we know that they will become. Thank you so much. We appreciate the time as well as the endulgements, but we thought that this was something important to do, and again, as I mentioned, we hope that you will allow us to be able to do it every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, going forward, as we recognize the efforts and the endeavors of these young folks. Thank you Mr. Chairman, and thank you members of the Council.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, at this point, I believe Mr. Shyne would like to recognize a guest.

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Councilman Shyne: Yes, Mr. Chairman, thank you, and I have a couple, but I'd like to start off first commending Councilman Corbin for the public meeting that we had on last Thursday. I thought we had a good group out, and I want to commend the people for coming out and voicing their opinion. I mean this is what Democracy is all about and this is why this country is so strong. It's not because of our military Mike, but it's because we engage our citizens. Mr. Corbin, I was really surprised that I didn't really see anybody there from the Port. Mr. Chairman, I don't know whether you noticed that or not, but as important as that highway is for the development and ongoing of the Port of Shreveport, I didn't see anybody there. Didn't have anything from them, and I happen to make a call to Mr. Elrod, and to congratulation for having his people out, and I mentioned that to him, because I wondered if he knew why none of the Port officials were there because this highway is so critical for that road, it's critical for the economic development in this area. Not only in the safety aspect, but for providing hundreds of jobs that we're looking forward to out at the Port. And Mr. Elrod had some comments and has some knowledge on that, so I was wondering if he wouldn't mind coming forward and maybe giving us some remarks on the conversations that he's had. So, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Elrod.

Mr. James Elrod: (Willis Knighton Systems) I'd be happy to. You're probably going to get tired of seeing me, but until this issue of 3132 is resolved, you're going to see me, and you're going to see about 4,000 other people continuing to put pressure on everybody that's related to this. Tell you what happened. I hope you read the paper this Sunday, did you read about the race to the Port? Now they make it very clear up front, we have five businesses, Willis Knighton North, Willis Knighton South, Willis Knighton Pierremont, Live Oak, Towers of Louisiana, (Oaks of Louisiana) in Shreveport, but also have a business over in Bossier Parish in Bossier City, WK Bossier Health Center, 1,000 employees and 100 doctors. So I'm not here today advocating Shreveport versus Bossier, or Bossier versus Shreveport, I'm here because I'm standing up for right now about 1,000 senior citizens that live along that corridor, and y'all saw that's a - - - I've been in Shreveport 46 years, I've never seen a public meeting like that. Have you Mr. Shyne?

Councilman Shyne: Never.

Mr. Elrod: There were over 300 people, and more wanted to come. But it's very difficult to stay that late if you're 90 years old. Okay? I'm up here advocating for some folks that can't do it. They can't get here. Or they can't stay up till 9 or 10:00 at night. And I just want to tell you, I guess the thing that I was telling Mr. Shyne the other day, when he called me about, how did he think it was going? I said I really appreciate, I'm going to say Mr. Corbin, I appreciate you pushing that, that's your district, and I do appreciate it. And I appreciate the Mayor and everyone else on this council that was willing to go along with having a public meeting. I know it's not easy. Next time I might suggest to you, I don't mean to be critical, but I might suggest to you when you have a public hearing in America, you're supposed to let people talk about what they want to talk about, not necessarily what you want to hear. That's all I'm going to say. That's enough. But I was really concerned on Thursday morning, it dawned on me I had not read anything in the newspaper, nor had I heard anyone talk about any representative of the Port and what their position on this issue

might be. So, you know being shy and reserved, as I am, I called the Director of the Port, and nice young man, Mr. Ingram is a very nice person, he was very calm, he was casual, very nice on the phone, and I just asked him. I said, are you - - - what is your position, and also as a port, because who is the primary stakeholder for 3132? Why was it located where it's located? Why does it end where it ends? The Port. So I assume, and I would think that all of you assumed, that someone from the Port would be available, or at least come to the meeting and stand up and say, 'Please finish 3132'. Mr. Ingram said some of our folks are concerned in the politics. Well I hate to say it, but that's our job. The politics or whatever helps this community. And so, I asked him if he would even be there, and he said, no they did not plan to make a presentation. Some did attend that I understand, but I don't know all of them, so I'm not going to - - - to be honest with you, I pulled up on the internet the first listing that I could find of all the commissioners or whomever you call on the Port Authority. And I do know that Shreveport does, Mayor, I think you appoint some of the commissioners, or whatever, again members. And there's tax money, there's a lot of effort put in by Economic Development, the Chamber, everybody for the Port. It's been very successful. I'm very proud of it. But when I talked with him and he said, that there would be no one there to express the opinion or petition or just saying we would love to see 3132 complete. That's all I wanted to hear him say. I don't want him to get into politics. Who cares about that, just get 3132 done. We've got to quit looking backwards and look forward. And he said there would be no one there to take a position. After I recovered from my shock, and I'll read you what I've written, I told him I was appalled that the board would take this position when they're the prime stakeholders in this project. The Port is one of the major reasons we have heavy and hazardous truck traffic on 3132. Now how did it get there? Because they're going to the Port. Okay? Why would the Port's board decline to take part in this bio-democratic process? Their failure to attend is a slap in the face to the citizens living and working in that area of town, who daily face the escalating traffic and safety hazards of trucks going to the Port. The planners who constructed this last leg of 3132 and stopped have dumped this truck traffic onto what was expected to be residential corridor, and now they've succeeded in creating as I said at the meeting, 3132 is a road to nowhere. It would have been better off without it, than have it dump on the Flournoy-Lucas and then dump all that traffic right in the most heavily dense senior citizen population in Shreveport, or in the state of Louisiana. I expressed my disappointment, and he was very nice, very nice. And I said, but this apathetic position of the Port's board, I just can't understand (inaudible). Who is your current board President? Now I'm asking you to think about something. Again, I'm not here advocating for Bossier over Shreveport, or Shreveport over Bossier. I just wanted the Port Authority, and it's already there, we've put the money in there, others have put their money in there. We've helped to make it a success. I expect them to show up. They are a public body. Willis Knighton is a private body. So we show up. And I'm asked him who is the current president, and he told me it was a Bossier City Attorney. And immediately I'm thinking about oh, hello. Race to the Port, politics as usual. And I have to tell you, that concerned me greatly. And I'm here to tell you that I personally believe that the organization Mayor that we have some control over who is appointed should stand up and take a position on this, or they should all be removed. You understand what I just said? Either stand up and do the job for their business - - - this is their business, this is what we have all, I say 'we' as business have put money into and supported and they are the recipients of it, and they don't have whatever it takes to (inaudible). Well then I find out there's all kinds of - - - you know, one of the commissioners happened to just bought a home in Mr. Larkins' subdivision and the plot thickens and thickens, and thickens. As of this morning, I called one of the members of the Port,

and he said, they have never discussed this. I would encourage you as a City Council, the folks that we're counting on to protect the senior citizens and all of the other residents, and that young man that was standing up here happens to be the son of one of my doctors, two of my doctors as a matter of fact, wonderful family, talking about Holy Angles. Did you hear what (inaudible) said about Holy Angels. They utilize this corridor all the time. I ask you, why don't you ask what our representatives Mayor, that are on that board, ask them to come forward to you and tell you, or tell somebody that they're either in favor of 3132, because I'm supposed to - - - they called me today, and I'm supposed to go down to Baton Rouge one day at the end of next week to meet with the governor, and the DOTD, and about four of the legislators from this area. I'd like to be able to go and see that the Port is going to be supported. How in the world I'm supposed to go representing Willis Knighton, and I don't even have the major stakeholder in this whole issue. I ask you please, get involved beyond just sitting and letting people talk to you. Thank you.

Councilman Webb: I want to make one comment. Eric Ingram is the Caddo Parish Commission Financial Director is on that board, and you might - - - I'll give her a call and maybe you can, maybe she'll go down there with you. I think she should.

Mr. Elrod: Well I would appreciate it Mr. Webb, because I think that - - - I'm really asking y'all. You're a young group of councilmen, I've watched a whole lot of 'em come and go, you know serve and all.. But get active, get involved. This is an issue that is going to affect your children, your children's children and a lot of people right now. And I just don't, I'm sorry, but I don't see the interest and the enthusiasm or anybody stepping forward and the private citizen shouldn't have to do it. Now I'm available, and I think you know that. But I really think somebody needs to step forward. Contact whomever you can or Mayor think about replacing some if you have to. I don't really care what you do. But the people on there should put the welfare of our citizens first before (inaudible)

Councilman Shyne: Just before you sit down, Mr. Chairman, I could not believe a lot of this, and this is why I asked Mr. Elrod if he would take time out from his busy schedule to come down, because we need to realize how important this is. This is probably one of the most important decisions that we will make sitting on this council.

Mr. Elrod: Amen.

Councilman Shyne: And we're not talking about something that's going to impact us tomorrow, but this is for years to come. We have spent millions of dollars on that Port. Why should we cut off an opportunity for this Port to grow? And it seems like that for a while this was kinda of nonchalant, I mean nobody knew very much about it. And it seemed like nobody really cared anything about it. I mean it seems like it might have just been somebody changing schools for their kids. But this is a very, very important decision. And this is something that was started years ago with people who had a vision. And I'm not really a bible student, so if we have any ministers in here if I misquote the bible, don't hold it against me, but I think it's somewhere in the bible that people without a vision will do what Sam? That's right Sam, you're a lay preacher - - - will perish.

Mr. Elrod: Without vision, the people perish.

Councilman Shyne: That's right, so lets don't perish. We're a step out front. And Mr. Chairman, I would suggest this because you're the Chairman of the Council and I haven't been here very long, but I'd like to see us draft a letter in support. Give it to Mr. Elrod and let him take it with him, and I really would like to see some young Councilman, maybe ask Mr. Elrod if he could ride down with him.

Mr. Elrod: We'll take care of that. We don't charge much.

Councilman Shyne: See he's not going to even charge you. But we have to impress on the governor and on our state legislators, and on the politicians in this area, and the business people. This is important. This something that we can't overlook. So Mr. Chairman, and I know I lay a lot of stuff in your lap, but you know, you're a big man, you can handle it. Would you please look into that?

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'd be happy to Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, thank you. Mr. Elrod, thank you.

Mr. Elrod: Don't let the vision die. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: I have one other - - - would anybody like to make any comments before I - - -

Councilman Everson: Well I just wanted to clarify, I mean it isn't as if we'd ignored the subject, we just didn't have the largest public hearing that we've ever had, that I've ever seen in Shreveport and certainly there is attention on this issue, and it will continue to be on this issue, so please don't anybody make the mistake that this is not something serious that we're talking about. And you know that of course, but I just wanted to clarify that for the sake of the viewing audience.

Councilman Shyne: And I appreciate you saying that, but I'm kinda like Mr. Elrod. Once I get a hold to something, I mean I want to see some action. You know when we had a lot of athletes up there and of course, I'm an old coach and you know - - - don't tell me you're going to come out and play football or baseball or basketball, show me. Give me some action. So I understand what you're saying, but I've been here long enough to know that if you don't get after it, things have a tendency to perish. Things have a tendency to die. And this is one of the most important issues that's facing this city. And not only this city, but this entire area. The way Shreveport goes, so goes north Louisiana, east Texas, south Arkansas. So this is extremely important.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Yes Chairperson for the record, I don't know how the politics is going with this issue, but I don't know if you all received this email. I received an email from a young man expressing to this council really, and I'm assuming that you all would have gotten it also, that we as citizens shouldn't allow folks in Bossier to dictate what we do in Shreveport, and I share that for the record. (Inaudible) what's going on, but also I attended the public hearing Uncle Joe, you know you and I, we came in just a little late. But it was suggested that this problem be dealt with right now. I think they had been given like a two-year something as far as engineering goes, but it seems that if there were citizens wanting something to be done like right now. And there was a

suggestion given by one of the citizens that why don't we consider re-directing the traffic of the trucks to Bert Kouns. Well I know for a fact that's not a good idea for this administration, because Bert Kouns is already congested. I understand that there is a problem and it sounds real strange to me, but just for the record, I'm being told that we're allowing citizens in Bossier City to dictate what we're doing here in the City of Shreveport. That's all I have to say.

Councilman Corbin: I think that was a good first step, calling our public meeting, and I'm glad we had over 300 citizens there and stake holders in the area present, businesses and different things. There's not going to be a quick fix to this at all. It's on the radar now, the council is doing what the council can do about it. Certainly we can continue to put pressure on our state delegation, and I think we saw some response from our state delegation on Thursday night that they were going to do everything they can to push forward. I agree with Councilwoman McCulloch, adding more trucks to Bert Kouns and Youree Drive just shifts the problem. So, we've got to find a way to get this route, get the funds for it and move ahead. That's going to be the fix. Now I think it's great that we have some folks going down to Baton Rouge and may have the governors ear. Certainly that's a start. It's the first I've heard of that. Love to be a part of that, if you've got an extra seat. But this is an issue that involves Commission, Council, MPC, NLCOG, maybe a few other levels, DOTD. And it's not going to be one group that's able to find a solution to it, it's going to be everybody working together pushing forward, and making this thing happen. And I don't think that anybody up in this circle, or half-circle is going to let up until we've reached our desired goal. And I appreciate everybody from Willis Knighton and from the Flournoy-Lucas area being here today.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I have one other person I'd like to invite up.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay Councilman Shyne, I think the Mayor wants to - - -

Councilman Shyne: Okay, I'll yield to the Mayor.

Mayor Glover: If it goes away from the 3132 extension?

Councilman Shyne: It's going away, I'll yield to you.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Shyne. Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the council. I want to also join you all in commending Council Members Corbin and the Chairman and all of you all for a very good public hearing on last Thursday. I won't get into the back and forth in terms of which one was the most well attended and what have you in 20+ years. I've seen some pretty interesting meetings over that timeframe. This was a very good one, and I certainly commend Mr. Elrod and all the folks who were a part of helping to ensure that there were a good number of people who were there. I also want to commend the Council for attempting to try and focus on how we manage to advance this issue forward. I know that there are also some folks who want to spend their time trying to find out whose responsible. Here's the one thing that I will establish in that regard. And that is during my first term on the Council when myself and Mr. Shyne were serving together, and Mr. Thompson was Clerk of Council of the City of Shreveport in conjunction with the State of Louisiana and the - - - what was at that time, probably still SACOG, (the Shreveport Area Council of Governments) laid out what was considered to be, not the approved corridor, but

the preferred corridor. It was identified as such because the city of Shreveport ended up being proactive enough to purchase the 16 acres on the southern side of Flournoy-Lucas that constitute what is referred to as the trapezoid-shaped piece of property that would align with the extension of 3132. Now, from 1992 going forward, however you want to end up ultimately attributing or assessing or assigning blame, the bottom line reality is that what was that 1992 corridor, is now filled with either homes or what will soon be homes. And that's a problem. How that happened, why that happened, whose responsible for that happening over what is now almost 20 years, you know we'll go back and have some folks try and figure out exactly how to make that determination. To the extent that it helps us to chart a better future, I think it could be productive. The reality of it is right now though is that in order for the road to move forward, we now have to identify a preferred corridor that ends up ultimately becoming an approved corridor, and that gives us the opportunity to be able to move this issue forward. The thing that is fortunate about this particular set of circumstances is that one of the reasons as to why it can become an issue that we can move forward to address is because of the fact that for almost close to 20 years, the members of this local legislative delegation, which I'm a former member of as well as folks on both sides of the river, consistently advocated that the approval of the funding and ultimately the construction of I-49 north was the single No. 1 priority in terms in highway construction dollars for Shreveport and Bossier City. In a timeframe that frankly I think is a little bit sooner than many people expected, this governor managed to stepped forward and provided a scenario that commits 100% of the funding that's necessary now to get I-49 North constructed. What that means now is that this area is going to have to determine what is now its No. 1 priority in terms of highway construction. Until we got to that point, I think many people probably did not have the extension of this roadway at the forefront of their minds. Because to do something about it while still trying to figure out how to come up with tens and hundreds of millions of dollars for the completion of 49-North, would not have been an exercise that probably would have resulted in anything other than possibly an effort to shift away from that No. 1 priority. Now that that goal has been achieved, the question now becomes how do we go southward. As much as we may dislike the process, there is only one way in which to do that. And that is, you've got to figure out a corridor. In doing so, that means you have to evaluate multiple options and multiple corridors. And then ultimately decide upon which one you'd like to have and which one you'd like to pursue. And at that point, you designate that and then you pursue the construction dollars to get that done. That's not anything that's going to happen at the snap of a finger. But thankfully a process now that is well underway. Now in addition to how it is that we ended up with homes being developed within the path of that '92 preferred corridor, we may also want to end up asking other questions as well with regard to this issue as a whole and that is, how is it that none of us actually understood that that was not yet an approved corridor, when you have bodies within this area who are staffed by professionals, and who put mayors, other mayors, legislators, council members and the public in general under the impression that there is an actual corridor that's been not only established as preferred, but also approved. Then you create an unnecessary level of confusion. I'm all for clarifying that confusion. Holding accountable those folks who should be very clear and very specific. But then as I mentioned, earlier the most important ultimately is how is it that we develop the path to go forward. The first phase of that is to do the evaluation of the available options, and how we get there. Identify the funding to get that done, move from there into engineering design, acquisition of right of way, construction dollars, and then ultimately the construction of a road. Now in the meantime there are concerns about what would happen with traffic along Flournoy-Lucas.

Flournoy-Lucas right now is being constructed, or re-constructed from a two-lane road to a fivelane road by the State of Louisiana. They're paying every penny of the cost of constructing that road, as long as it is a state road, then we will have to abide by state statute. State statutes dictate that you cannot as a local municipality restrict legal traffic of any kind on a state road because of it is a state road. If we want to be in the business of trying to restrict the traffic flow along Bert Kouns, if we want to be in the business of attempting to regulate the traffic flow along Flournoy-Lucas, then we can only do that if it is a City of Shreveport road system. Absent that, then we end up having to accept the fact that those trucks, that traffic, will in fact be allowed and be legal. The other option I think, as has been referenced by Council Members McCulloch and Corbin, is that even if you were to divert that traffic from Flournoy-Lucas, restricting it to simply Bert Kouns, that simply moves the traffic from Bert Kouns onto Youree Drive and at that point, it proceeds southward on Youree Drive, onto the Port. Which brings me lastly, and I don't want to get into a back and forth with the editorial writers of the Shreveport Times, but I think that the thing that should be represented with regard to the story that appeared this last weekend, is that right now, we already have a 4-lane interstate quality, or almost controlled access quality road system that leads to the Port. That's called Highway 71. What Bossier is considering doing is an extension of its parkway, down to what would be their proposed Port. Part of the issue that they would have to deal with is how that 4-lane road system which ultimately at some point would end up either emptying back on to Barksdale Blvd, or ultimately allow heavy truck traffic on its parkway, all the way back into a point where the parkway I guess would connect into I-20 of some sort. One of the things that we've done in Shreveport is that we've not allowed truck traffic on our parkway, otherwise, it's not a parkway system. And so that's a question that the Bossier folks will have to answer for themselves. But right now we have the road system that's necessary in order to be able to get that surface truck traffic down there in Highway 1. The objective is to be able to do that on a closed access road system, by extending 3132 southward towards the Port, and then ultimately be able to have (inaudible) as a connection to the I-69 system that's proposed, that being a part of a loop system that would ultimately connecting all of Caddo to Bossier and what have you. Those are the issues that we've got to examine moving forward. It's encouraging to have this kind of enthusiastic passion coming from our nonprofit and our civic community to get behind it. We look forward to helping to work to get that focus and now with I-49 North, 100% fully funded, projecting toward 2016 where we'll be driving on all 35 miles of roadway within that system, and I think the next No. 1 objective for Shreveport and hopefully for this region will be extending 3132 southward to the Port and ultimately on across the river to be a part of the overall loop system around our city. Thank you Mr. Chairman, thank you members of the Council. Look forward to working with you all as we resolve and address this situation going forward.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank you Mr. Mayor. I certainly would say that one of my objectives of the (inaudible) of that forum, thus again, you have certainly the opportunity for our citizens to voice their interest in that 3132. And frankly it was pretty quiet prior to this whole debate coming forward. So that's the first thing. And also there is an excellent opportunity for them to direct it to the people at the state level at the legislature to carry with that message down there specifically to this session. So I think that was a great opportunity, and we achieved our objective there. I would say you know one city wasn't built in a day, and nor do I expect this road to be built in a day. I think there are some processes, agencies that our stakeholders that do need to wake up and you know impress their interest or advocate for their interest with the varying folks that actually control

the dollars associated with this type of project. So I think that that's great that Mr. Elrod has offered certainly transportation to some of the Council here. Hopefully, that offer extends to somebody at the Port that's wanting to go with them down there. Because as it points out, they are truly the end beneficiary of any of that system as it was initially designed. I will follow up on one other thing. We are in a what I see, as a you know a pretty critical point in going forward with this project, and a contentious debate on who is to blame and which agency is responsible for the inaction, or the potential blockage, its probably not going t accelerate this process at this point. People have a tendency when they get blamed for things as you know to hunker down in their trenches and not let anything to pass. So I want to encourage still further cooperation with all these groups. Now what is the process going forward? Is it investigation? I don't believe so. I think it is lessons learned for us as a community as well as those organizations to see how we prevent projects like this coming to a stalling point, and how to keep up that momentum going forward. I think there are - - - you know there are some issues in terms of jeopardizing federal funding for this project, and I think we need to tread cautiously in that regard. I am by no means a specialist in that regard, but I think that's something we should all be cognizant of. And then lastly, for these organizations and our citizens that sit on many of these boards, MPC, MPO, NLCOG, Port Authority, I think they have a role to play. And the time of just being, 'Hey I'm a political appointee to go to lunch once a month and sit on these boards, and shake my head, and listen to what you know the director or the organizations have to say', maybe is passed us here in Shreveport. We have obviously a history that is maybe not too proud in terms of how we work local government in the past, and I think it's time for some of these citizens to take care of the responsibility that they're being assigned when they move up to those positions. And that's the message that I want to send out, and that's the message that I think we should all carry forward for moving this in a positive direction for our city. Okay, I think we've pretty much exhausted that comment at this point. Mr. Shyne I believe you have somebody else that you'd like to address at this point.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I do and let me thank all of you all for the comments that you've made toward this particular subject matter. And again Mr. Elrod, thank you and your group for coming down and stepping forward. And this is what democracy is all about. And is Shelly here?

Mr. Sibley: She's still upstairs Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: We have Superman Blount. I wanted Shelly to come up with him. Superman, would you come up just for a minute or two? Mr. Chairman, I had planned to challenge you with this program, but then somebody told me don't do it, because it's such a wide margin between your age and mine.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Oh, personally challenge me is what you're saying?

Councilman Shyne: Yeah.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well okay. Well I'd better stand up a little taller in my chair here.

Councilman Shyne: Some activities that you had out there 20 years ago, I would have been in a position to do that, but since that time, you know age has kinda caught up on me, but I see a fella in the back, Sonny Moss who I hope Sonny can hear me, but now Sonny is the kind of guy who has not let age affect him physical activity. But it's kinda caught up with me. Superman, I just wanted to let you know that we really appreciated - - - Mr. Mayor, I was out and I really couldn't do anything but look on. You know I was kinda chopping at the bits cause I really wanted to get out there and participate, but something kept telling me, 'You know Joe, you can't do that now.' So I wanted Superman, maybe just a minute or two Mr. Chairman to - - - because I was proud of the number of school kids that he had out there, and this is where we have to start. So, Mr. Chairman, if it's alright with you, I'm going to give Superman time to talk.

Mr. Superman Blount: Thank you. I want to thank the Mayor, this council, the Chairman. Thank you for calling me and letting me know that you couldn't make the luncheon.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'm sorry I missed it.

Mr. Blunt: That's okay, we really appreciated you. Councilman Corbin was able to make it, and we were honored to have him there. I want to thank Councilman Shyne for being a part of our Fit For Life weekend. We had an opportunity to come out to Independence Stadium. Every year, what we do is do what we call a Fit For Life Weekend. And this weekend was created to bring about health and fitness and wellness to the citizens of Louisiana, particularly here in Shreveport. Louisiana is ranked 50<sup>th</sup> in the nation in overall health and wellness. And I thank God for (inaudible) and my wife for creating this nonprofit organization, Fit For Life, Inc. One of the messages that we send to the people of this city and the state is getting fit for life is no longer an option here. We don't have the option of saying maybe tomorrow, I'll get started. Or next week, I think I'm going to stop smoking. Well I know my liver is bad, but I'm going to keep on doing what I'm doing. I know I shouldn't be drinking alcohol, but I know I'm dying, eventually I'm going to stop. We're ranked 50<sup>th</sup> in the nation in overall health and wellness. If you're born and raised in this state, it is more likely that you'll die 10-15 years younger than any other people in this country. Getting in shape is not an option for us anymore. It's a necessity. So, when we began the Fit For Life Weekend, it was to bring that awareness to North Louisiana. We've had an opportunity to work with a lot of the city officials, this great council, Mayor Glover and SPAR have been extremely supportive. We can't do it without him and SPAR. Also this council, indirectly your support of allowing these events to take place in all of the different city venues that we have. Some of the events that we do and this Fit For Life Weekend, USAAA Baseball, Golf, AAU Basketball, Track and Field, Hispanic Soccer, the Governors Games Boxing Tournament, Professional (inaudible) Competition, Body Building, Fencing, Karate, and we kick this Fit For Life Weekend off by working Caddo Parish Schools where we hosted over 5,000 kids out at Independence Stadium. The cinergy and the energy of imparting fitness and health into the lives of those children is what's going to dictate the future of this state. Now we 'Baby Boomers' for whatever reason, we got this idea that we're probably going to live forever. But unfortunately, we're not. And I was listening to Mr. Elrod, the Mayor, and I was listening to Councilman Shyne talking about it's what we are going to do now. Eventually, we're not going to be (inaudible) that we're in, but what we are imparting in the people that's behind us that eventually are going to take our seats. What about our new mayors that's coming, or our young Dale Sibleys that's coming, our

young Joe Shynes, our young Chairman Jenkins? They're coming, but if we're not imparting anything into their lives, all we're doing is handing them the same baton that got us in the position that we're in now. We are 50<sup>th</sup> in the nation overall health and wellness. And if we don't do something about it, we will be a dying state for years to come. All of these great ideas that we have, doesn't matter. Most of us won't live long enough to see it. We've got to start becoming fit for life, becoming more focused, and bringing events like this to the city. We had athletes in here from the UK, Canada, Romania. We had people in here from all over the world coming to this city. The economic impact is phenomenal. The closest thing to what we're doing here in Shreveport is the Arnold's Classic that's held in Columbus, OH. The Arnold's Classic. The economic impact of a 3-day weekend of an event just like what we're doing is \$90,000,000 in three days. That's the economic impact. That's why this event is so important for our city. It's a great event. It brings about health and fitness awareness, it blesses our children, it does everything that we need as well as bring about an economic impact to this city. There is a scripture. Ecclesiastics 4:9 says that two are better than one. Then in 4:12 it says though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And three-fold cord is not quickly broken. If we work together as a city, the way that you all have worked with us and we can stay connected to this city, then Fit For Life can be a part of this great city to continue to educate our children to change the trend of eating, sedentary living to allow people from all over the world to come in and see this city. I had people here from Pittsburgh, I had people in from the Czech Republic, and every one of them said man this is a jewel that's been (inaudible). We want to come back. Thank you for doing something of this magnitude. We want to be a part of this city. We love the hospitality, Mr. Mayor they loved the food, and they loved the way we treated them. Again from my heart, I want to thank this great council and the City of Shreveport for what you're doing with the Fit For Life Weekend, thank you so much.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Does any other Council Member have awards, recognition, or distinguished guests at this point?

Councilman S. Jenkins: I have a recognition that I would like to make Mr. Chairman, maybe a little bit of a change in tone. We've been celebrating a lot of athletes and Fit For Life, but I think this is the proper thing for me to do. You know so often when change comes about, we remember the names of those persons who sit out front, but a lot of change occurs by the efforts of people whose names sometimes are lost. And I felt like such a man as Dr. Jean C. Brierre passed away on May 16<sup>th</sup> of this year at the ripe old age of 95. He was a native of Haiti, but he established his residence here in Shreveport in 1951. He maintained a private medical practice here for 54 years. Dr. Brierre was one of the first African-Americans to be accepted and given hospital privileges in the City of Shreveport. He was also one of the first African-Americans to serve as Director of the Shreveport Medical Society. Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, time really would not permit me to really impress upon you the historical value of this man's life. I did bring a program. If you have an opportunity, you may want to take a look at it. His life is full of firsts. It's full of earmarks, his life is full of worthy goals that he achieved. He was preceded in death by his wife, but he's left behind four children, all of who are very successful at what they're doing. Michele, Monique, Joseph and Charles. He made many, many contributions to the Arts, the culture and other aspects of life in the City of Shreveport. This gentleman was a mentor to many young men, Black, White, didn't make no difference. He sat down and talked to them about running businesses and about being good solid citizens. And I'm sure that our Mayor, I see him over there nodding his head, he recognized the contributions of Dr. Brierre. Like I said, these are some of the names that sometimes, could be forgotten unless we bring them back out. And I want to thank you Mr. Mayor. You did have a proclamation at his Mass, which was presented to his family. And they sincerely appreciate it. I was there when that was done. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the opportunity for the Council Minutes to include the salute to Dr. Jean C. Brierre. And I know many of us including our Clerk, Mr. Thompson will dearly miss Dr. Brierre. Thank you sir.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well thank you.

Councilman Corbin: Very quickly Mr. Chair. Two things I wanted to recognize Ms. Moore and her staff and everyone who was involved with Paint Your Heart Out. I went to the four homes in my district that were being painted. And a number of volunteer groups I want to quickly say, MSX Accessories, Brooklyn Baptist Church, Zeta Phi Beta, Phi Beta Sigma, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and we could not do any volunteer day in Shreveport without all the units at Barksdale and there were hundreds of Barksdale volunteers. But everything was organized perfectly. All the homeowners were certainly happy and again, Bonnie thank you for all your work with that. Second quick thing, we did a neighborhood walk and the Pine Valley Eden Gardens Neighborhood last Thursday before our 3132 meeting, I wanted to thank Chief Shaw and Cpl Robert Elliott for working that. Got a chance to go out and talk with people in the neighborhoods and knock on doors and hug kids and it was good, and I want to say that Cpl Elliott even sang a song along the way for us. The last thing I had for us, I wanted to make a few comments about the 3132 hearing. At this point, I'm going to say again, thank you for the Council, Mayor, Staff and most importantly, the citizens for being there and making your voices heard, and it's a story in progress.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank you. By the way, Bonnie do you have any comments you'd like to come forward about the Paint Your Heart Out Program? I've got a little poison oak on my hand from cleaning out a backyard during that program, but beyond that I have some very fond souvenirs.

Councilman Shyne: Bonnie, you tried to give him a pair of gloves didn't you?

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well you know there just weren't enough to go around, so the Marine had to without the gloves.

Ms. Moore: Thank you so much for the opportunity to thank everyone for their participation in Paint Your Heart Out. Paint Your Heart Out is always a wonderful program filled with volunteers. We have approximately 1400 volunteers every year coming out, spending their time. It's a true example of a servants heart and we're very grateful. And the homeowners, all 39 of them are extremely grateful for the service that's always provided each year for Paint Your Heart Out. It's one of our most favored programs, and if it was not for Paint Your Heart Out, and if it was not for the services provided, these 39 elderly citizens and disabled homeowners would not have that type of service done to their homes. So again, thank you so much, and thank you for the opportunity to speak on it.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chair, I also wanted to share with you all that at the next Council Meeting, we're going to ask that Bonnie and Marcia Nelson and the folks from Community Development to (as they usually do) identify those folks who at the end of every Paint Your Heart Out and recognize the most volunteers, and we will bring them down to have them honored and recognized before the Council, and before the city as well. We started that last year. Obviously also the heavy Barksdale influence, but we welcome that and we look forward to being able to have those folks with us at the next meeting as well. And thank you all for the time and the interest in Paint Your Heart Out Shreveport and thanks most of all to those hundreds of folks who came out on Saturday and volunteered to help to improve the lives of 39 homeowners across the City of Shreveport.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, moving on to Councilwoman McCulloch, excuse me. I almost forgot. I got my note right here.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Yes, thank you Chairperson. I've asked to make this report due to some other obligations I have which I probably will have to leave before this Council Meeting ends, but during the week of May 12-16, I had the opportunity to attend a conference that was presented by NOBCO, which is National Organization for Black County Elected Officials, of course I'm a member. And at this conference, a person that works with Obama's administration by the name of Mr. Michael Blake, reported to both city and county officials that Obama has just recently allocated \$4.3 (billion) for minority businesses. And of course \$4.3 (billion) will be overseen by seven other entities. I think I recall the Corps of Engineers, Department of Transportation, Department of Veterans and there were four others. Of course I can submit and I will submit to this administration the names of those seven entities. And that it would not be overseen by the states. So what I want to ask of this administration, based on the contact information for Mr. Michael Blake who works for Obama's administration, I would like for this administration to contact Michael Blake with the information that I have and see exactly what entities would be involved in the oversight of the \$4.3 (billion) as far as how it would be distributed to the municipalities within the different parishes or cities, and give us some feedback at the next possibly City Council Meeting. I have again those seven entities, and Mr. Michael Blake who works with Obama's administration. I have his contact information as well. And this was just recently done. This conference was held the 12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> in Ft. Worth, TX.

Mayor Glover: Yea, absolutely.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Thank you.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, if there's nothing else from the Council at this point, we'll move on to communications of the Mayor relative to City Business and I certainly see Mr. Hardy back there.

Communications of the Mayor relative to city business other than awards and recognition of distinguished guests.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, we'll make a few comments, turn it over to Mr. Sibley and then to Mr. Hardy. As Council is aware, myself along with Chairman Jenkins and Mr. Sibley and Finance,

Mr. Madden along with our Financial Advisors Team, journeyed to New York City recently to have the opportunity to be able to meet with the folks from Standard and Poor's, Moody's, Assured Guaranty, as well as groups of individuals who are interested in the possibility of purchasing the bonds that the city will be selling. And I am very glad to be able to report that it was a very productive trip. It gave us the opportunity to be able to advocate exactly what it is that we see the City of Shreveport moving forward. We let them know while we have had some challenges like other cities across the country over the last several years, thanks to the good Lord above and the hard work of a lot of good folks, we've managed to be able to navigate those waters reasonably well. And as a testament to the folks of this city stepped forward and committed to voting favorably for the largest bond proposal in the history of the City of Shreveport. Wee were remotely hopeful that we might have an outside chance despite the fact that we're in the midst of circumstances where lots of cities are fighting to avoid being downgraded that we might mange to be able to figure out how to ease our bond rating up another step. Unfortunately, we did not meet that objective, but I'm very proud Council Members to say that we just heard shortly ago from the folks at Standard and Poor's that our bond rating has been reaffirmed at A+, and we're going to await the full in detail report to come back from them so we'll know exactly how it is that they manage to grade us in detail Mr. Chairman and members of Council. We are still yet awaiting the evaluation from the folks at Moody's. It turns out that it's been some time since Moody's has done an evaluation for the City of Shreveport and we've had an opportunity (inaudible) plus that we've been back to have at least what? About three or four additional follow up conference calls with them regarding additional information. We hope that that's going to yield a positive result for us as well. But again, we're ecstatic that we managed to be able to hold on to our A+ and we certainly believe that we've laid the ground work towards being able to make the case for an upgrade at some point in the foreseeable future. At this point, I'll turn it over to Dale and let him direct us from this point.

Mr. Sibley: Thank you Mayor and Mr. Chairman and members of the Council. One of the things that we've been talking about, Mr. Hardy, our legal counsel on the SSO EPA DOJ situation to provide us an update. We've been sharing some information with the Council and Mr. Hardy agreed. He's here with one of his associates and what he will do is basically update the Council on kinda where things are. Obviously anything that may somehow impact in his opinion, that may not need to be discussed, he will advise on that. But he's open. One of the things I - - - I really didn't get any feedback in terms of anything in particular that you all would like him to speak on, so we basically just asked him to update you on where things are in the process. Perhaps speak specifically about this pending meeting that we're trying to set with them so that you guys as elected officials can get some more direct face-to-face communication. At this point, Mr. Hardy if you'd come forward and take it from here please.

Mayor Glover: And to give you all some additional context, the first meeting that we had as a city regarding the possibility of the need for corrective action to be taken against the City of Shreveport with regards to its Sanitary Sewer Overflows came in November of '09 in a meeting that I held in New Orleans with the Acting Regional Administrator for the EPA at that time, as well as a staff attorney for the Department of Justice. That effort ultimately led up to the retaining of counsel and Mr. Hardy in addition to that to a technical team, which is represented by Black and Veatch and BKI Engineering. That group along with staff from my administration ventured to Dallas, the

regional office of the EPA in June of last year for the first formal meeting, and as Dale just mentioned, the hope and desire to at this point time is to be able to see how we take the next step going forward. So with that as context, Mr. Hardy.

Mr. Tim Hardy: Thank you very much. Mr. Mayor, members of Council, my name is Timothy Hardy, I with the law firm of Lemle and Kelleher, I've been retained to represent the city in this action on the alleged violations in this action by the United States Department of Justice. As you are aware, I updated you sometime ago and informed you about the matters of which the Mayor just spoke, the meeting we had in Dallas. At that time, we discussed a number of issues, we provided information, primarily how we were looking at undertaking the evaluation because as you understand the evaluation system has to be done before the work is performed. We talked about those things. We talked about information that we'd be providing to the government and we also talked about the city's ability to finance those projects. Also the ability for the citizens to even pay a penalty which of course we're going to try to minimize as much as possible. Since we've had that meeting, we have provided that information to the government, but what we have also done is we've given them a set of basis and we've given information on the SSOs. We've given them what we see as our prioritization. In other words how we are to address these issues, the order in which to address them. I am a little bit surprised in that the energy that was met, I think by the city, on behalf of the Department of Justice and the government, initially was revved up pretty high. I think since our involvement, since we've been hired, we also met with the seriousness of the worst by the Department of Justice. I'd love to have them provide that information, however we still have not been provided with the prioritization. Having said that, the work that's being undertaken right now, we feel is very confident is work that would have to be performed anyway. I think to be in good faith, it wouldn't be in the city's best interest to sit around and wait. I would feel a lot better personally if I had something in concrete, etched in stone, in black and white saying this is the priority we'd like to see you do, but having said that, again I don't think we can sit and wait. I think we ought to move forward. The preliminary word from the government is that we're going in the right direction. What I anticipate is going to happen over the short term is that they will get back with us, I have been told, hopefully within the next month or so. Then we'll have that direction. And what's very important is we have to sit down and start to carve out a consent decree. That is the document that will be filed with the court that will set in place our path forward. A few things have happened since we last spoke. The first is that we are currently negotiating a tolling agreement. That's not uncommon. I've represented other municipalities in matters like this, they're very, very common. What that is in affect is an agreement that we will not hold against the government, things that prescribe during a certain period. In other words, we want to disincentivise the government from filing suit right away. Because if they don't file suit, then matters will prescribe they can't bring actions against those. What we agree to do is, you don't file suit, we'll not hold this against you. If suit if filed, a lot of the ability to negotiate goes away between the government and between the city because then it's in the hands of a federal court. We've done some tweaking of that language, we want to make some minor changes. We've been in discussion with City Attorney, Terri Scott, and I think we're very, very close to hammering out that language. Another thing that's been brought up lately by the government is that they would like to undertake what they call an environmental justice initiative. What that is, is they'd like to make sure certain information is disseminated especially for low income and (inaudible) communities that might not be well aware of what's going on in this effort. We have advised them to do a bond election.

Mayor Glover disseminated some very good information so rather than re-inventing the wheel, we'd like to provide some of that information to the government and it might move that process along. I will repeat, I am somewhat surprised that that especially because of the energy, the initial energy that they still have not finished their evaluation. I have been told that they have a number of things going on. That some of their people are on travel. They assured me that they will be getting back with us. In terms of a possible meeting between the Mayor and some members of the Council, I have been told that they are not opposed to that, in fact it could be facilitated, but they'd like to be more definite in terms of a verbal view of our information before that meeting were to take place. So that's where things are right now. I'm happy to answer any questions that you might have. Mr. Jenkins.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, Mr. Hardy, thank you again for being here and appreciate that. When is the last formal written correspondence we have received from either the EPA, or the Department of Justice?

Mr. Hardy: Well if you call it a formal written correspondence, we received the total agreement draft from them last week.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay. Does it put us in any type of jeopardy or position if we use that or disseminate that draft in it's current state, or should we wait till it's been formalized and signed off?

Mr. Hardy: I would strongly recommend Mr. Jenkins, that we wait until it's - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: I would expect that would be your answer. Okay, so when is I guess then I would say, when is the last formalized document that we would feel comfortable with disseminating publicly between the EPA and us or the DOJ and us?

Mr. Hardy: Mr. Jenkins, we really don't have any formalized documents from them that I'm aware of. In fact that's one thing we've looked for. What I would not want is a formalized document to come from them in the form of a lawsuit. And that's why I'm not pressing them for a formalized document, because that could be one we possibly could get. The conversations have been informal, they have been serious. We have provided information to them, unfortunately they have not provided a lot of information to us. Having said that, they're in the driver's seat.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And I will just say, I adamantly support the idea that we should be moving forward in the best manner possible, because it only highlights our likelihood of success or our likelihood of not having to get a lawsuit. So I appreciate your efforts in that, and I certainly think that the (inaudible) of the citizens is to continue start addressing these issues that's serious issues in the most efficient manner and as soon as possible. So I think that's good. But I do - - - you know we still have this kind of - - - you know the actions of any document from them I guess is good news, because it probably wouldn't be good news in that document that we received. But there's still some group that feels that for some reason we've created this whole scenario and I'm just looking for some document to support that at some point. And when we ever get to that point, I hope you'd be in a position to let us have a look at that and let us disseminate that publicly.

Mr. Hardy: Absolutely.

Councilman S. Jenkins: You know I guess I'm still concerned about the fact that - - - I guess it's nothing much (inaudible), but I'm still concerned about the fact that we really have not gotten some formal list of projects form the government to do. It's only so much money in the bond project, and we're beginning to do some of those projects and if I heard you correctly, have you been furnished a list of projects that are being done?

Mr. Hardy: Yes we have Councilman Jenkins.

Councilman Jenkins: And do you understand the timeline on the projects, these initial projects that they wanted to do?

Mr. Hardy: Yes I do.

Councilman S. Jenkins: And just my concern is, once you start spending the money, I mean are we going to look up and get something from the government that would have had us going in a totally different direction as far as priorities.

Mr. Hardy: Well when you say in a totally different direction in terms of priorities, let me just say this. I think those projects are going to eventually have to be done anyway.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Yeah, but would they have to be done first though? That's what I'm saying, or are they looking at something else on the list?

Mr. Hardy: That of course is the question. The preliminary word from the government that has been provided to us is, it looks like we're doing the right thing. Now, is that a guarantee? Absolutely not. Can I guarantee you today that our list of priorities will be the same as theirs eventually? No, I cannot. What I can argue to them and to the public is that we're operating in good faith, we're using our best judgment without any clear guidance, and I think that's all we can do right now.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Are you involved in any of the departmental meetings that are taking place with the Justice Department? In other words, the departmental meetings that are going on here at City Hall, are you privy to those meetings and decisions that would have some affect upon this consent decree?

Mr. Hardy: Yes, I have been. We have a system now, and let me expand on that a little bit. I think within the past two weeks, there were some questions that the technical people at (inaudible) had, EPA with our technical people. What I want to make sure is that I'm not a bottleneck, but I want to make sure that I am aware of all requests being made of the city. So, let them have that dialogue as long as those questions were absolutely technical, non legal in nature as possible, but I think in recent meetings with the Mayor and his staff, in terms of communication, in terms of coordination, I think we have our arms around that.

Mr. Sibley: If I may, one of the directives that went from both the Mayor and myself, to that department is that anything having to do with the SSO, EPA has to include Mr. Hardy and Ms. Scott.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I think that's a very wise decision. Are you privy to or involved in, or have been provided information for the formulation of the so called SSO Master Plan?

Mr. Hardy: Yes we have.

Councilman S. Jenkins: And what is your appreciation of that? Is that - - - I guess one of the questions I had when we were talking about this is there is some Master Plan being put together, I think it may be at a certain stage, and I'm wondering how you get the Master Plan formulated, once again, if you don't really know what the government may require of us?

Mr. Hardy: Well that's exactly Councilman Jenkins, what is somewhat of a concern, but the alternative would be to do nothing. And I think that puts us at more risk, (inaudible) least moving forward, with having gotten preliminary word form the government, that we seem to be going in the right direction. Let me just say this. All the things we're undertaking right now, I'm fairly confident are going to have to be done at some point. Hopefully, the government won't hold it against us, won't punish us because we did something third, rather than having done something second. I mean I just can't imagine they'd do it, but we'll have to wait and see.

Councilman S. Jenkins: And there's another meeting coming up? Did I hear that?

Mr. Sibley: We're trying to set one.

Councilman S. Jenkins: You're trying to set it, so there's no real date for them to (inaudible)

Mr. Sibley: And that meeting Mr. Jenkins, what we're trying to do is all the discussions have kinda the staff technical level. But we felt it important that the Mayor as our elected CEO and the Council get an opportunity to speak directly with their technical - - - with their bosses. So that everybody is real clear on where this thing is going and perhaps things that can't be pushed are done at the staff level, can be done, as Mr. Jenkins pointed out, if we want to say 'Hey guys, we really need to respond quicker, that comes better from you guys than from us. So we're trying to set that meeting. One of the things Mr. Hardy told us, they initially weren't real enthused about it, but from our end, we just felt it important that you guys as the elected officials get an opportunity to hear from their bosses, you know, not them, but the Region VI Administrator, the EPA person at the top, so that we could have a much better discussion in terms of overall where this thing is going. So that's the meeting we're trying to push for now.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Okay.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Hardy, it's good to see you back home.

Mr. Hardy: Glad to be here Councilman Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: I remember when he was a kid. Just goes to show you how long I've been around. As an old rooster that's been in the barnyard for a good little while, would you say that normally in situations like this, the federal government would look at information that would be sent to them by our engineers, and our - - - most of the information that they would get and arriving at that decision with the information that we would send them. You know I have found after being around a while that this is how the government works. You know that this is how this works, unless you get to the point where you say, 'Well I'm not going to do anything.' Then when you say that you're not going to do anything, then this is when they have a tendency to actually come down on you. But if they see that you're making a good faith effort, it might not be exactly what they might would do, but if they see that you're making a good faith effort, they have a tendency to go along with you. And then again, unless there's just a problem there, they depend on the information that you all would get to them in order to make that decision. Now if you start giving false information to them, then this is when they really step in and say, 'Hey look, we want you to do A, B and C.' But other than that, would you kinda say that we would be kinda be on the right course if we would go head on and make sure that we do those things that our engineers would determine that this is what we need? Because they are the people that work with those problems on a daily basis. And the federal government doesn't generally send anybody down to just work with those problems on a day-to-day basis, unless you say, we're not going to do anything. Then this is when they come in.

Mr. Hardy: Councilman Shyne, I couldn't agree more. As I've said, I've done this times before for other municipalities. And some have chosen to fight a bit more, and some have decided to cooperate a bit more. I will tell you the government typically holds all the cards. And we're always in better stead, if we work with the government, and if there is a time when we need to draw a line in the sand, for whatever reason, believe me, I will take this Council and the Mayor into executive session and we'll have those discussions. I will tell you that I don't think we're there yet.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Any other Councilmen have comments for Mr. Hardy?

Councilman S. Jenkins: I'm very happy to see you on board with this Mr. Hardy. Your credentials are impeccable, I know you've got a lot of background in that area, I respect that and I appreciate that. As an elected official for this city, I have to ask question that my 25,000 (and some odd) constituents cannot come down here and ask, so they sent me down here.

Mr. Hardy: I understand.

Councilman S. Jenkins: And I want to be certain that when I go back into my community and communicate the information, that it's up to date and as accurate as it could possibly be. So, nothing I asked has any implications on you or your skills or your abilities, but I think you know that. Cause we know each other. But we have a duty on this side of the arena to make sure that we are explaining things as accurately and up to date as possible. And this is a big issue for our constituents and they want to make certain that every dime of that bond money is being put to the use that we told them it was going to be put to the use of. And I still wake up at night with one eye open, wondering if we fixing to spend all that bond money. Somebody say no, we'll do this. You have helped me to close that eye. So I certainly appreciate you being here and I'm very happy to

see you involved, and I know that you've been brought into this thing by the Council. I have the utmost respect for the Mayor and the CAO and what they're trying to do with this, but there will never stop me from asking questions that my 25,000 people can't come in this room and ask. Okay?

Mr. Hardy: I respect that Councilman Jenkins.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, let me say this to Mr. Hardy before he leaves, and this is really not what we're talking about. And since the Mayor had some athletes down here. Tim's daddy was an All American Football player at Grambling State University, right down the road.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Where is that again?

Councilman Shyne: Tim, you hear him, huh?

Mr. Hardy: I hear him.

Councilman Shyne: You know Grambling football game Tim, you know back during that time (inaudible) and dad was a for a long time associate in the city of Shreveport who won quite a few city championships and if you've ever seen a die hard football player, it was Mack. And Mr. Chairman, I was a little boy during that time, but I remember when Mack was at Grambling and the three of us used to make a little money off of 'em, because they'd be out there practicing Mr. Mayor and we'd give them a coke bottle of water and we'd sell it to 'em. You know back during that time, you know coach figured you're supposed to practice all day and not have no water, no ice or none of that kind of stuff. And it's a wonder none of those players didn't die from heat exhaustion. But they didn't. This is how we could make a little money off of 'em. We'd sell 'em bottles of water at the end of the day. So Tim's daddy made a tremendous contribution to the City of Shreveport. And Mack, we're just glad to see you back home, hear?

Mr. Hardy: Thank you so much for helping me Councilman Shyne.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank you so much Mr. Hardy.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, before we allow Mr. Hardy to take his leave, I want to ask him to since we have him here, to help to detail maybe from his perspective for the Council and for the city as a whole. One of the questions I know Mr. Jenkins has asked on a couple of occasions, I think he may be able to add some additional insight to and that is one of the questions that was asked, why was there money in the bond proposal to fund the Master Plan, and what are we master planning, and what is that in relation to this overall set of circumstances. Tim, can you?

Mr. Hardy: Absolutely. One of the things we have to do is we have to develop a plan to deal with these issues. First a plan has to be developed, then it has to be implemented. One of the things we've used in talking with the federal government is to demonstrate to them that we had the bond election. That there are some monies there available. And that has given them some level of comfort that we take this seriously. As I said before, having done this, this is a national initiative

by the federal government, it's something that they don't play about, it's something that officials in some municipalities have had real challenges, both personally and professionally, and I think having done the bond proposal, having put money there the federal government can see, it's we would want to address first a plan and then implementation, I think goes a very, very long way and I commend the Mayor for having done that.

Mayor Glover: You want to help understand, we started it before the bond issue, monies within the bond issue funds the additional portion needed to lay that out, that serves as a footprint of the vision that we rolled out to the feds in terms of how we intend to go forward to address this situation.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Is there a time line Mr. Mayor as to when that master plan may be finalized?

Mr. Hardy: If I can respond to that, the ball is in their court right now. They initially gave us a time line, but we can't meet the time line until they respond to us. So, that's going to - - - lets say, have some lead time to it, but what I anticipate is when they get back to us within the next month or two, we're going to be on a pretty fast time line.

Councilman S. Jenkins: And there's some information that's needed from them in order to complete the master plan?

Mr. Hardy: Yes.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Don't confuse the master plan with the evaluation. Because the evaluation is still ongoing as we speak right at this moment. So, part of that evaluation data is going to be required for them to then come back and give us what that master planning ideally needs to look like.

Mr. Hardy: That's exactly right Mr. Chairman.

Mayor Glover: And for those folks who are watching here and watching via the internet, and at home via Comcast, we don't want this master planning of the sanitary sewer issues to also be confused with the comprehensive master plan that's being done on behalf of the City of Shreveport and Caddo Parish, which (inaudible) master planning those issues and challenges relative to the city's sanitary sewer overflow problem.

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Mayor, Mr. Chairman, excuse me. But would we also say that this is a continuous process?

Mayor Glover: Absolutely.

Councilman Shyne: I mean this is not a process that you burn to an end and say this is it, because we will continue to have problems, and you have to continue to evaluate, and come up with solutions because even when you and I leave office, you all area going to be left with the same

problems. Because you're going to continue to have problems. I mean we've had problems with our sewer system, I don't want to say how long I've been down here, I'll say for the last - - - Rose don't say that now.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Yeah, it's true.

Councilman Shyne: I know. I don't want to the Chairman to think that I'm that old. But we've had these problems and it's an ongoing problem. So I mean the program, you're going to have to continue to monitor, to evaluate, and to make those kind of adjustments. So, you know when you're dealing with the sewer system. So you it's going to be an on - - - and even the money that we're spending is just going to be a drop in the bucket. Because actually, we could spend maybe \$200 or \$250,000,000 on our sewerage system, and Sam, I'll have to raise my hand, this is something that we should have started years ago, but we didn't. You know politicians don't like spending money under the ground. You know they want to build a monument, isn't that right Cedric?

Mayor Glover: Well, don't make me (inaudible).

Councilman Shyne: No, but you're doing what we've got to do. And we should have started doing this to be truthful with you, and you know it, when you were first on the council, when you and I were on the council then. You know we were looking at maybe \$150,000,000 with the water and sewerage projects that we could have started on, but we didn't. I mean, that's just one of the down sides. So I applaud you for saying, 'Hey, I'm going to pull my coat off, and we're going to start this.' And Dale will be around, and he'll get a chance to build a monument. Thank you Mr. Mayor.

## Reports

Property Standards Report (Res. 7 of 2003): None.

Revenue Collection Plan & Implementation Report (Res. No.114 of 2009)

Mr. Sibley: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I think Ms. Swaine, the DDA Director is here and I believe she's under a time pressure, so I appreciate you giving us an opportunity to let her come forward to give us a DDA update on parking management. Thanks Liz.

Ms. Liz Swaine: (DDA) Thank you all. And I will be brief, because I know you have a long road to travel this evening. You've got a lot more on your plate. Carlos Hullaby was with me, unfortunately he had to leave just a couple of minutes ago. Carlos is our parking supervisor, he's been with us for 14 years. He actually started on the Streetscape side, and moved over to the parking side where he is now the supervisor, but he had to go lock up the trucks. So he had to unfortunately leave us this evening. But I will muddle through this, and if you have any questions that I cannot answer, I will get that information to you in either email you or call you on the phone and let you know the answer to your question. And as everybody gets this report, I'm going to again very briefly go through it. Again, if you have any clarification that you need, just stop me. And this is for the first quarter of 2011. And for all of our new Council Members, back in the year

of 2000, the City of Shreveport contracted with the DDA through Shreve Park Parking services to handle all of the meter parking in the Downtown Development District. It's about 800 meters. And every single day, we have a technician that goes out and checks all of those meters. And so if there's a problem, hopefully the technician will find it, if not, there's a number on each of those meters and people are encouraged to call the phone number that's on the meter and let us know that that meter is out of order. But the good news that I have to report today is habitual offender list is shrinking. Those are the people who had the most tickets, who get them habitually. That list is shrinking. We are actively holding those parking boot hearings that are required by ordinance, that was created by the City of Shreveport. The park cards and I hope that many of you have purchased one of those park cards are selling very well. And those park cards are grey for a number of reasons. You can put them in the machine and if you have anytime left at the end of your meeting or your event, put the card back in the machine, and any time that you have left is loaded onto that card. So, it's unlike quarters. Once you put a quarter in there, that quarter is gone, the park card, you can stick the card in there and you can get any time back that's still on that machine. The bad news, though our habitual offender list is shrinking, our No. 1 habitual offender still eludes us. But we are on the hunt and one of these days we will find that No. 1 scofflaw. And other bad news, Ronnie Howell - - - you see this guy's mug here, is retiring. Ronnie has become the media darling downtown. Whenever a photographer comes or you know KTBS, or KSLA comes, they always track down Ronnie. He's always smiling. It is a rare person who can get tickets and people still like him. And Ronnie is one of those rare people. People just really are attracted to his great award winning personality. Let me tell you Ronnie has been there for 10 years. He has walked 7500 miles (Washington, D.C. and back six times). He's worn out 22 pairs of shoes, and he has written 48,000 tickets. So we are really going to miss Ronnie, and we are actively trying to find the Ronnie replacement. And it's going to have to be a very special person. Let's get now into the revenue information. For the first quarter of this year from January through April 30th, we have collected over \$210,000 for the City of Shreveport. We have held four booting hearings, again as required by ordinance. You'll recall that you approved our new parking hearing officer, who has been dynamic. He does exactly what needs to be done. We have immobilized 52 vehicles downtown, including 15 there you can see in April, 13 in May and so far we are doing extremely well on collections through bootings. I'm going to ask you if you will to look at the graph, the chart, and basically what this is, it shows you 1999 is the year before DDA Shreve Park became involved with parking meters downtown. So that gives you a baseline of collections for 1999. And then we just put the five most recent years, 2007-2011 to date. And there you can see that our collections are pretty much on track, and off to the right, we have it in a graphical form for you. You will see that in 2010, that gray line is pretty high there the first few months of the year, and the reason that is, is the City Council changed the ordinance that we could boot vehicles with just one citation. So just a \$10 ticket and we can boot vehicles or we can boot a vehicle that had any citation over 60 days old. And that really encourages people to pay their tickets. Whenever the City Council takes an action, changes the ordinances, lets folks know that they're real serious about collecting this money, whenever we send out notices that the boot hearings are being held or the boot is going to be applied, that encourages people like nobody's business to get those tickets paid off. We estimate that about 40% of all the uncollected \$10 tickets are from people coming to casinos or rarely come downtown. Therefore there is very little incentive for them to pay. If they're coming over from Dallas once every six months and they get a ticket, chances are pretty good, they're not going to pay, and the decision has to be how much money do you want to spend in tracking down a \$10

ticket. And so typically, what we do is we go after those that have multiple tickets who have larger tickets and there you can see what the ticket breakdown is. You see is \$10 for an expired meter, and it goes all the way up to the biggie which is \$300 for handicap space. Also ticket prices are not increased since 2002. And parking meter rates have not increased since 2002. Now we don't do this and you don't do this for money, for revenue. The revenue is a bi-product of commerce. What we do this for is to keep people coming downtown and to provide them a place to park. Because if you can't park downtown, you're not going to come down town. And if you can't get into a business to do your business, you're going to go some place else. So that's what this parking is all about, and that's why keeping these meters functional and unfortunately keeping those tickets handed out. To keep people moving in and out of those spaces. Donecia Fenceroy is our contract coordinator for Shreveport and she is at a conference right now in Philadelphia I believe, and this conference, she's gong to be talking about some software upgrades that we believe will increase our efficiency, allow us to collect more, allow us to come back to you in the months to come and say our graph is going off the charts, and we have some ideas on how to tweak the ordinance that will also allow us to become more streamlined and we'll be working with Terri Scott on that in months to come. Are there any questions that I can answer for you? I'm not going to keep you long.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, I guess I have two. First of all, why not raise ticket prices? I mean, have you looked at it? I think the best news is low prices (inaudible), but higher ticket prices frankly. And I'm not someone that's dying to go soak our citizens, but I think the prices are at such a low level, that in many cases, you either park and get a \$10 ticket or you pay the \$2 to park on some of these other lots if you're going to be there. So, have we given any consideration to that, and what do we need to do to further along that discussion?

Ms. Swaine: What we will be happy to do for you, it would be a City Council decision to raise the ticket rates, and we would be very happy to start polling some cities of like size and find out what they are charging for tickets and bring that back to you so that you can see if we're in line, or if we're low. And then that will help you make a decision on where to go.

Councilman O. Jenkins: You know I speak for myself, but I'm not a subject matter expert on ticket prices. So we would definitely need some data points from y'all to provide that for us to look at. Because since 2002 things/prices have gone up and I know your employee costs, and many of your expenses have gone up, so it's something that I think we should look at. And then my second question is, on your habitual offenders, how many of those are city employees or parish employees? And then it probably becomes a bit of a legal question if we in our leadership positions can exercise any influence on that? But are any of the habitual offenders (as you called them) city employees?

Ms. Swaine: May I confer with Terri Scott for just a minute?

Councilman O. Jenkins: You may. Tell me if I'm asking a bad question.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I don't think you ought to bring that person's name up publicly.

Ms. Swaine: Absolutely.

Councilman O. Jenkins That's not what I'm asking for the name, my question is are these people - --?

Councilman Everson: Yes.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Then that's what I'm asking.

Ms. Swaine: The No. 1 scofflaw is a city employee.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay. So that's not a (inaudible) question to the city attorney, so you've answered my first question. Are there several others that think that - --?

Ms. Swaine: I do not believe so at this time, but we will check that list and get that information to you.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, those were my questions.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, if it's a city employee, I think Obama over there can catch up with Bin Laden. Don't you think so?

Mayor Glover: Well now in this particular case, I'm not Obama. In this particular case Obama would be Mr. O. Jenkins.

Councilman O. Jenkins: (Inaudible) opportunity to find out about that, that's why I'm asking the question. Because apparently there's some undercurrent here that I'm being made aware of. So that's why I'm asking these questions. So, okay.

Mayor Glover: In other words Mr. Shyne, it's not an Administration employee.

Councilman Everson: I will say on another subject that I have accidently received the \$300 parking in handicap space before. I did not realize in my haste that I was parked in one, and I thought that wasn't just at all. I ran in and out, and it cost me \$300.

Ms. Swaine: And the second one is even more.

Councilman Everson: I don't believe there will be a second one. I'll pay attention from now on.

Mr. Sibley: Mr. Chairman, I just have one other note beyond parking. I thought you may be interested in the recent tax sale that was held just a couple weeks ago, just to kinda give you some levels there for the City and this came from Mr. Bowie in our compliance office. For the city we had a little over 2,000 parcels taken to sale at a value of about \$1.2 (million). Out of that 985 were sold, which is about 48%, that generated \$776,000. So it generated almost 60%. So as you can tell, the larger better valued parcels are the ones that tend to sell more readily. So about 48% of the

parcels sold that generated about 59% of the value at \$1.2 (million), so I guess that was a decent sale for the city. But again, that highlights, that the better, more valued parcels tend to sell, the others just sometimes tend to just sit there. Just a little additional information for you in terms of collection. And with that, that concludes our report for this week.

Surety Bond Forfeitures Report (Res 238 of 2010)

EMS Transports Report (Res 239 of 2010)

Councilman O. Jenkins: Chief Self, I did receive your EMS Report. I believe that you sent me the EMS report if I'm not mistaken. I did have that, I couldn't open it, but I'm sure I can on (inaudible). So I do have a question that I've been remiss in asking. With regard to the airport director, the selection of that airport director, is that an Airport Authority responsibility that process, or is that an administration responsibility. And if so, where are we in that process right now.

Mayor Glover: We're going to use the Airport Authority. It is an administrative appointment now to be confirmed by the Council. That came about as a result of a change in the ordinance that was prepared by the previous Council. I have spent the last several months reviewing and evaluating executive search firms with regard to the search process. I have (inaudible) that we have sent to the CAO and the City Attorney's office for them to review and screen. We've also shared that information with the Chairman of the Airport Authority. We're going to ask them to retain that particular firm and to initiate the process. Allow them to go through the evaluation of the list of potential possibilities. We'll make an ultimate selection. From that point it will come to Council for confirmation just as it would with any other department head selection.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, and by the way, me saying that is not to take anything away from what Mr. Cooksey is doing out there, because I think he's doing a good job. I just wanted to know where and I think many of our citizens had that same question. Who is in charge of that process and where are we in that process right now?

Mayor Glover: We would expect that at some point before the end of the third quarter of this year, that we should be if not all the way through that process, substantially through it. And be in a position to have that person in place and be prepared to move forward.

**Public Hearing**: None.

Adding Items to the Agenda, Public Comments, Confirmations and Appointments.

Adding legislation to the agenda (regular meeting only) and public comments on motions to add items to the agenda.

*The Clerk read the following:* 

- 1. <u>Resolution No. 95 of 2011</u>: A resolution to declare certain boxing equipment as surplus property; Authorizing the donation of the surplus property to Jerry Stephens D/B/A Road to Glory Association, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 2. <u>Resolution No. 96 of 2011</u>: A Resolution selecting <u>The Times</u> as the Official Journal for the City of Shreveport for the period commencing July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- 3. <u>Resolution No. 97 of 2011</u>: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute contracts and other documents relative to receipt of a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 4. Special Meeting Minutes May 19, 2011

Mr. Thompson: As it relates to the three resolutions, none of those can be adopted today. They would be introduced to be adopted later, so if there are questions or amendments of whatever, there would be time to do that. The Special Meeting Minutes, those we just got to you today to most of the Council Members. We don't know whether you're comfortable with those. They are not verbatim minutes, but we are required to publish minutes within seven days after the meeting. And we normally publish those minutes even though you have not approved them, because we're required by Charter to do so. So we would be looking to get something to the paper to publish this week, whether you wanted to add that to the agenda and to adopt or approve those minutes or not.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Is there anyone present who would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to adding these items to the agenda?

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, the boxing equipment, I have not had a chance to read, but I would hope somewhere in there if Mr. Sibley could put in or somebody that in case the people got to a point where they didn't want to use the facility anymore, that it would come back to the city. Because I think in future years, you know we would be able to use it. Because you know sometimes people start off real good with a program, and after three or four years, you know they might run where we don't have the program anymore, and what are we going to do with this good equipment.

Mayor Glover: Shelly, and Terri I think it would be appropriate to have you come up as well.

Mr. Sibley: It may be more of a legal question because it's being declared surplus to be donated. I guess it's a question of whether or not we could then take it back after.

Mayor Glover: And the other thing I think, it may even be more appropriate before the next Council meeting, or for something you all may want to have in between or prior to the next work session, but I think it would be appropriate to give you guys some context for No. 1, and to let you know we're not just deciding to divest ourselves of boxing equipment, but this was a - - - I don't want to use the term politically driven, but it was district driven, individual driven in terms of the boxing program as a whole for the City of Shreveport. Unfortunately I think the focus on boxing in

particular largely shaped the bond proposal that ultimately ended up going before the voters regarding the Bilberry facility, and why it ended up being necessary for this bond package to come back with the things that actually makes that facility more in line with what the folks of that area and neighborhood end up wanting to use. The intent was to create this boxing program that never got much attraction. You might have been on that Council.

Councilman Shyne: That's what I was about to say. I hate to admit it, but I might have been around during that time.

Mayor Glover: But you weren't the lead on it Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: That's right.

Mayor Glover: You were following the leadership of the person who represented the district at the time. You know that effort never became much in terms of the city putting a lot of money and time and energy behind it. You got a facility essentially right now that does not have a closed gymnasium, that does not have dancing and meeting areas. They have that room that was used for boxing that has been largely right now a public assembly room without adequate air condition and no kitchen.

Councilman Shyne: And I won't call the person's name who was the lead on that, because I think this may be a year or two ago, that person got into another sparring match with somebody, and I won't call that name.

Mayor Glover: (Inaudible) that fight I imagined as they might have hoped either, but I don't know if you'd call it a TKO? But the bottom line is we've had these particular set of equipment. It's not an actual place, it's an actual ring. And I know we've used it for Golden Globes events and other things down at the Municipal Auditorium, unfortunately Mr. Stephens has done a great deal of work towards boxing. They're right now in search of a home because they used to be housed over at the Praise Temple complex on Greenwood Road, now they've got to find a new base of operation. We support his vision (inaudible) active part of what went on this past weekend, and I will let Terri advise us as to whether or not in similar fashion to what we did with the leasing of the building Mr. Shyne. I think that's kind of in line with the direction that you're going, when we had the surplus facilities as a result of a new library construction, we did not make (inaudible) donations, we did do those as leases, but gave us the ability to be able to come back over a period of time and review as to whether or not they're still being used as appropriate public purpose. And if not - - -

Councilman Shyne: If we can do it, if we can legally do it. I mean that's what I - - -

Ms. Scott: Mr. Shyne, the difference here is we're talking about a piece of equipment that has depreciated over time. And so part of the step in this process and what the Council will be asked to do at the next meeting, is part of the process is we actually declared the property as surplus property. And part of the significance of that declaration is saying that the property is no longer needed for a public purpose. And so to ask us to declare it surplus, but then to include a provision

in the lease agreement that says the property comes back to us in the event the program no longer exist is contradictory. Because that's why we're declaring it surplus because we no longer have a need for it.

Councilman Shyne: You know I trust your decision and the Mayor's and if that's - - - and Shelly because I know you all are going to look out.

Mayor Glover: We'll contemplate over it Mr. Shyne over the next - - -

Councilman Shyne: Well I had thought about what we were doing with the other piece and I didn't really, not to say I had not read this, but I just wanted to make that opinion known. Thank you Mr. Mayor.

Councilman S. Jenkins: (Inaudible) about this choice grant now, or would you rather wait until - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: Lets do it when we get to introduction. Okay as there is no one present who would like to speak in favor or in opposition to adding these items to the agenda, I'd like to make a motion to add these items to the agenda, and seconded by Councilman Corbin.

Motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Corbin to add Resolution No(s) 95, 96, 97, and the Special Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2011. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, since we have passed the place where we approve the minutes, if it is the desire of the council to consider these minutes today, a motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of approving the Special Meeting held May 19, 2011 would be in order.

Motion by Councilman <u>Webb</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>McCulloch</u> to suspend the rules to consider the Special Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2011. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Motion by Councilman <u>Webb</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Corbin</u> to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2011. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Public Comments (In accordance with Section 1.11 of the Rules of Procedures)

*Mr. Philip Togun:* (10027 Loveland Ct) Dr. Togun is not here, she had to go and take care of some patients who are waiting for her. But she asked me to read this to the Council (inaudible). It's in reference to BAC-88-10, Property located on the south side of East 70<sup>th</sup> Street, 150' west of Thornhill Avenue, Shreveport. I had to appeal to the Shreveport City Council at the Metropolitan Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on April 13, 2011 in which I presented a new plan, which they had requested, and yet they still did not approve it. I think this is injustice. My two neighbors had

opposed based on their concern that I might encroach on their land or park on their properties. But since we were given six extra parking spaces by the business across the street, the two neighbors have not appeared at nay other meetings to oppose it. But the MPC keeps putting more obstacles. They never thought we would be able to get extra parking spaces and when we did, we were told that we needed a lease forever. But the man agreed to a five-year lease, which is renewable. The city attorney agreed with us and approved it. Then our case was referred to the DOT. The DOT official told us he didn't understand why they referred our case to them, that they usually don't and he was surprised. He looked at the old plan with the three parking spaces at the side and suggested that there was not enough room for the driveway. We then decided to remove the three parking spaces. The new plan has eliminated the three parking spaces as suggested by the DOT official. I challenged them to go and see for themselves, there is enough room now on both sides of the building for a driveway. I rejected the idea of access from the alley behind us because of the safety of my patients. I plan to block of the back. The previous businesses accessed the building from the front just as in our plan. I don't know why mine should be different. The DOT now says that unless we get permission from our neighbors, no approval will be given. But our neighbors have been hostile from the beginning, and have refused to give us parking spaces. So, the issue with the DOT is not safety or traffic-related, but the issue of encroaching on our neighbors' properties. Now they are trying to put more obstacles in our way, just to force us to access from the rear. It is not that we did not consider that, we did. But it is not feasible for the safety of our patients. There are many businesses like ours on E. 70<sup>th</sup> Street with access from the front, without any problem. As mentioned earlier, previous businesses accessed from the front, without any problem. The Fire Marshall has approved our plan. This is not a safety or traffic issue, this is injustice, because getting permission from my neighbors to access from the front means it is not a safety or traffic issue. They are safeguarding the interest of my neighbors at my expense. It is a pity that the last councilman is no longer there, because he had said if it was a liquor store, they wouldn't object and he wanted that clinic there, even based on the old plan. So it was sent back to the MPC for reconsideration. After his departure, a new problem arose. AT the last ZBA meeting, they said only the Shreveport City Council can approve it, so it has been sent back to the Council again. This is just to make you aware of what is going on. This business has been delayed for over two years now. I acquired the building in December 2008 and the plan was approved by the Fire Marshall. Thank you for your deliberation over this matter. I know we will be a blessing to that community and district. Thank you very much. Sincerely, Kikelomo Togun. That's what I was told to read to the Council. But I have permission to answer any questions actually because she's my wife and we work together.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well as far as answering questions, I think we would be better served to just wait until we get to the appeals so that we would have the people from the respective city department heads there to discuss that appeal and the MPC. And if you wouldn't mind waiting until that time. Thank you. Is there anybody here since we have some different names in here that is interested in speaking in regard to this particular case today? Okay, I have three here in front of me today. Okay, thank you very much. Mr. Thompson, please proceed. I believe we're on Confirmations and Appointments.

Mr. Sibley: Mr. Chairman, if I may before Mr. Thompson proceeds, I just want to for the record correct one item. Yesterday when we mentioned the potential library appointees who indicated

they were all currently serving. Well I want to thank the Internal Audit office and Leanis for helping us clarify this. In the case of Ms. Delores Lynch, she is currently serving, but not as city appointee. She was previously a parish appointee. Just wanted to for the record clarify that.

Confirmations and appointments:

The Clerk read the following:

Library Board:

Ms. Deloris Lynch Chris Fowler-Sandlin Ms. Josephine Babers Wade

Motion by Councilman <u>Shyne</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Everson</u> to confirm the executive appointments to the Library Board. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

**Consent Agenda Legislation.** 

To Introduce Routine Ordinances and Resolutions

**Resolutions:** None.

Ordinances: None.

**To Adopt Ordinances and Resolutions** 

**Resolutions**: None.

**Ordinances:** None.

**Regular Agenda Legislation** 

Resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage or Which Will Require Only One Reading

*The Clerk read the following:* 

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 90 OF 2011**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT BY THE NORTH SHREVEPORT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City desires to participate in programs which directly benefit the citizens of the City by participating in wholesome activities which serve to benefit the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the North Shreveport Business Association, desires to provide an event and fund raising support to the community by hosting the Annual Crawfish Boil and Membership Drive in Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, North Shreveport Business Association has requested the use of certain city owned tables and chairs during the event; and

WHEREAS, the program sponsored by the North Shreveport Business Association serve as a benefit to Shreveport Fire Department, Shreveport Police Department and the Caddo Parish Sherriff's Department which serves a public benefit and serves a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, that the use of certain city-owned equipment on June 2, 2011, during the Annual Crawfish Boil and Membership Drive is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the use of the equipment by the North Shreveport Business Association is conditioned upon the execution of an indemnity and hold harmless agreement by the North Shreveport Business Association in favor of the City of Shreveport in a form acceptable to the Office of the City Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 92 OF 2011**

A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE EFFECTS OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR THE LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL FESTIVAL ON JUNE 17 THROUGH 19, 2011 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilman Jeff Everson

WHEREAS, Rho Omega and Friends, a non-profit corporation of Rho Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, intends to sponsor the Let the Good Times Roll Festival at Festival Plaza on June 17 through June 19, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a major liquor company wishes to participate as a sponsor of the festival, and Rho Omega and Friends wishes to sell and serve beverages of both high and low alcoholic content; and

WHEREAS, the event will contribute to the economic, recreational and cultural opportunities and development of the city; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that Sections 10-80(a) and 10-172(a) of the Code of Ordinances are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to allow the sale, dispensing and consumption of beverages of high and low alcoholic content at the Let the Good Times Roll Festival at Festival Plaza on June 17 through 19, 2011 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and midnight on Friday, June 17th, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 12:00 midnight on Saturday June 18th, and between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight on June 19th.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other applicable provisions of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

# Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman $\underline{\text{Everson}}$ , seconded by Councilman $\underline{\text{McCulloch}}$ to adopt.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I was glad to see that motion by Mr. Everson, it shows he knows a little something about his history here.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'm sure you're familiar with "Let The Good Times Roll" yourself.

Councilman Shyne: Right.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 93 OF 2011**

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS, WHICH WILL AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SELL THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT'S TAX INTEREST IN THESE ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport has an adjudicated tax interest in the properties described in Attachment "A10" for the non-payment of City property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the properties described in Attachment "A10" are not needed for public purposes and should be declared surplus properties; and

**WHEREAS,** LA R.S. 47:2202(B) and Code of Ordinances Section 26-301. authorize a municipality to sell adjudicated property to an adjoining landowner who has maintained the adjudicated property in accordance with said section for a period of one year; and

WHEREAS, Code of Ordinances Section 26-301 provides that the sale price for such sales shall be one dollar and other good and valuable consideration; the real consideration for such sales is the purchaser's effort, labor and expenses in maintaining the property for a full year; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport has received applications pursuant to the above cited laws from adjoining landowners to purchase its tax interest in each of the properties described in Attachment "A10".

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the properties described in Attachment "A10" are hereby declared surplus.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the City Council of the City of Shreveport does hereby authorize the sale of its tax interest in each of the aforesaid properties for one dollar and other good and valuable consideration; the real consideration for such sale is the purchaser's effort, labor and expenses in maintaining the property for a full year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 26-301 of the Code of Ordinances, this declaration that these properties are surplus satisfies the requirement of Section 26-301(1)(d), therefore the MAYOR, Cedric B. Glover, is authorized by said Section 26-301 to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents, including Acts of Cash Sale, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED.** that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Webb</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>McCulloch</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

**Introduction of Resolutions** (*Not to be adopted prior to June 14, 2011*)

*The Clerk read the following:* 

- 1. <u>Resolution No. 94 of 2011</u>: A resolution authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Bossier City, Parish of Caddo, Parish of Bossier, and Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 2. <u>Resolution No. 95 of 2011</u>: A resolution to declare certain boxing equipment as surplus property; Authorizing the donation of the surplus property to Jerry Stephens D/B/A Road to Glory Association, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 3. <u>Resolution No. 96 of 2011</u>: A Resolution selecting <u>The Times</u> as the Official Journal for the City of Shreveport for the period commencing July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- 4. <u>Resolution No. 97 of 2011</u>: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute contracts and other documents relative to receipt of a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman  $\underline{Webb}$ , seconded by Councilman  $\underline{Everson}$  to introduce Resolution No(s). 94, 95, 96, and 97 of 2011 to lay over until the next regular meeting.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Mr. Chairman, I need a little more information on this, or I would like a little more information on the Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant, and the rules that are involved with it. Is there anyone that can kinda fill me in on this?

Mayor Glover: Certainly. Come on up Bonnie, I think Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vice-Chairman, members of the Council, you may remember it was several weeks ago that we shared with you all that the City of Shreveport had been selected as one of 17 cities across the country for the opportunity to be able to be a part of the Choice Neighborhood initiative. It represents one of the new directions for the Obama administration with regard to its efforts in addressing the deterioration of the country's neighborhoods and communities. And we were very fortunate to be able to put together a team that was able to compete against obviously hundreds, if not a few thousand other cities across the country. And Bonnie can give you the details on where we are and where we're going. But it's purpose primarily in the Ledbetter Heights, Allendale, Downtown areas of the city. Some of the departments include the folks from Calvary Baptist Church, along with other community associations within the Allendale area. So Bonnie please go ahead and give them the details.

Ms. Moore: Certainly. We were the recipient of a \$250,000 planning grant through the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. NLCOG in conjunction with the City of Shreveport applied for the funds. The Planning manager for this grant is MSHSMR Architects, MSHM Beebe and Babin Architects. We're focusing on the Allendale, Ledbetter Heights and West

Edge areas in Shreveport. It is a transformation plan for these areas which at the end, the outcome should be infield strategies, mixed income housing and economic development. The HUD officials were here last week to do an initial review of the application process that went very, very well. They were very pleased. We had a public hearing last Thursday night which was very well attended. Again they were very pleased with the outcome of that public hearing. We're starting an initial planning process, we're piggybacking on the Ledbetter Heights opportunity initiative as well as the Shreveport Common initiative that we're already in the process of doing. It is a two year grant. We have two years to complete this. Once we complete this grant, we can be contender for the implementation funds so that, which the minimum amount for the implementation will be about \$20,000,000.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Okay, I see that. I think you really got to the heart of a lot of it. This money is just going to be used for the planning. And once that's done, we'll applied for a grant that will actually give us construction of the projects.

Ms. Moore: It's still in the budget two years from now, we can apply for the implementation.

Councilman Everson: This was a big honor on the part of the City of Shreveport to receive this grant, and when HUD was in town last week, they were very impressed with the decision to do it. It will help primarily in my district and Councilwoman McCulloch's district. But it is really a cutting edge kind of a project from the Obama administration, and it's kind of an honor to be in the first round and first selected to participate in it. So I'm excited.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I'm excited too. Anytime you can go into the inner city areas and try to make a difference, then I think it's a very positive thing. That's why I wanted to get a little bit more education on it. I think it's a good step in a very positive direction.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Vice-Chairman, I would suggest that you would call and write your republican friends in congress and make sure that this money is not cut out of the future budget, because I know you have a lot of influence.

Councilman S. Jenkins: You have to read between the lines of things you say Councilman.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I walk out of the room to hear Republicans and Congress.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

**Introduction of Ordinances** (*Not to be adopted prior to June 14, 2011*)

*The Clerk read the following:* 

1. <u>Ordinance No. 57 of 2011</u>: An ordinance amending the 2011 Budget for the General Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

- 2. <u>Ordinance No. 58 of 2011</u>: An ordinance amending the 2011 Capital Improvements Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 3. Ordinance No. 59 of 2011: An ordinance closing and abandoning the 20 foot wide alley dedication behind the 400 block of Pierre Avenue, between Logan Street, in the Cole Subdivision in Section 36 (T18N-R14W), and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/McCulloch)
- 4. Ordinance No. 60 of 2011: An ordinance closing and abandoning the 20 foot wide alley dedication behind the 400 block of Allen Avenue, between Logan Street and Myrtle Street, in the Cole Subdivision in Section 36 (T18N-R14W), and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/McCulloch)
- 5. Ordinance No. 61 of 2011: ANNEXATION TAG NO. 10-03: An ordinance to enlarge the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport a 99.55 acre (more or less) tract of land lying east and adjacent to Twelve Oaks Subdivision, located in theoretical Sections 4 & 9 (T16N-R13W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Corbin) (*Public Hearing to be held June 14, 2011*)
- 6. <u>Ordinance No. 62 of 2011</u>: **ZONING C-37-11**: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning of property located on the north side of Mitchell Lane, 200 feet west of Dillingham Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, <u>from R-1D</u>, <u>Urban</u>, <u>One-Family Residence District</u>, to <u>R-2 (TH)</u>, <u>One-Family Townhouse Residence District</u>, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (C/O. Jenkins)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Corbin</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>S. Jenkins</u> to introduce Ordinance No(s). 57, 58, 59, 60, 61 and 62 of 2011 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

**Ordinances on Second Reading and Final Passage** (Numbers are assigned Ordinance Numbers)

*The Clerk read the following:* 

1. Ordinance No. 47 of 2011: An ordinance authorizing the execution of a lease purchase agreement and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (Not to be adopted prior to May 24, 2011)

Having passed first reading on <u>April 26, 2011</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>S. Jenkins</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>O. Jenkins</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

Councilman Webb: Can we go back to the previous?

Councilman O. Jenkins: For introduction?

Councilman Webb: Yeah.

Councilman O. Jenkins: If you go to the - - - there's a new map attached to the actual development. Is that the one you were talking about or the one right above it?

Councilman Webb: This one right here.

Councilman O. Jenkins: 61?

Councilman Webb: Yeah, 61.

Councilman O. Jenkins: There's that and if you go back to the map, it shows the whole rest of the development.

Councilman Webb: I see that, that's what I'm looking at, but I guess my question is, are we going to wind up annexing - - -

Councilman Everson: Yeah, all that's part of it.

Councilman Webb: Is that going to in any way possibly come into play with the future corridor that's all messed up right now to begin with, or is this going to make it even more complicated?

Mr. Sibley: No sir. That's the question we asked administratively and it is not supposed to have any impact on the 3132 (inaudible)

Councilman Webb: Even though this is 3132 right here?

Councilman Everson: That's right here or somewhere near it.

Councilman Corbin: It's on the other side of the development.

Councilman Webb: It's on the other side. Oh, okay.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Then the other thing to look at is if you go to select map on this instead of plat, it shows it (inaudible). So there's no way the road can be above that.

Councilman Webb: Oh okay. I'm cool. I know it's just for introduction anyway, but I wanted to ---

Mr. Norwood: Well it won't have any impact on any of that.

Councilman O. Jenkins: But certainly Roy's map that he provided us makes it a lot more clear because you can see.

Councilman Webb: Looks like a maze.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, wasn't there some discussion earlier about starting 3132 further north and then going to the east?

Mr. Norwood: Yes, and that could be one of the options we look at. We have to study three alternatives.

Councilman Webb: So would this in anyway come into play?

Mr. Norwood: No. I think the Mayor has made that very clear.

Councilman O. Jenkins: It's to the east, or at least the one that I initially saw.

Mr. Norwood: (Inaudible) recommended alignment in '92 report which now is not even up for consideration anymore.

2. <u>Ordinance No. 51 of 2011</u>: An ordinance amending and replacing Section 90-124, specified "No Through Truck", and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on <u>May 10, 2011</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>O. Jenkins</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Everson</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

3. <u>Ordinance No. 52 of 2011</u>: An ordinance creating and establishing a No Parking Zone on the east side of St. Vincent Avenue between Louis Street and Lawhon Street, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson)

Having passed first reading on May 10, 2011 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman Webb to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

4. <u>Ordinance No. 53 of 2011</u>: An ordinance amending the 2011 General Fund Budget appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on May 10, 2011 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Everson to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

5. <u>Ordinance No. 54 of 2011</u>: An ordinance amending and replacing ordinance No. 33 of 2009 pertaining to the restriction of vehicular traffic on Fannin Street, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on <u>May 10, 2011</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Everson</u>.

Councilman Webb: What are they wanting to do? I don't understand.

Councilman Everson: Is there a map, cause it - - -

Councilman Webb: I know I've driven down there to see what it looks like, but I don't know.

Mayor Glover: The Travis Street situation?

Councilman O. Jenkins: It's the Fannin.

Councilman Webb: (Inaudible) cause when you come on to Fannin, you just dead end right into it.

Mayor Glover: (Inaudible) roughly one-way traffic.

Councilman Webb: Oh, okay.

Mr. Norwood: This is a - - - a while back, we restricted to vehicular traffic a section of Fannin, which went from Baker to Douglas. And this takes it now down to Christian, the next two blocks. I talked to Dannye Malone about this who represents Millennium, they would like this done ASAP. They're building warehouses on their Phase II. This would give them more access to the site, via the street. If they can fence it off, they will also possibly use it in movie scenes or any shooting that they do, where they need a street. So, this is just limiting to vehicular access. The sidewalk on the north side will remain open for pedestrians.

Councilman Webb: But no vehicles?

Mr. Norwood: No vehicles. No sir.

Councilman Everson: And it's already closed off on - - -

Mr. Norwood: It's closed off from Baker to Douglas. We're closing it down another two blocks to Christian.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I recall seeing this, I thought we were just accommodating them for a while. I mean we're not going to permanently close Fannin Street, are we?

Mr. Norwood: No, this is until they get there, and I wasn't given a timeline on this, but I don't think we're looking at six months, but you're probably not looking at two to three years either.

Councilman Webb: Can we put a limit on this so that we don't forget about it and in five years from now, it's still that way?

Mr. Norwood: I don't see why you can't. I mean, we're not abandoning the right of way. But I would certainly before you vote on this, I would like to talk to them about it and see reasonably how long they would need this.

Councilman Webb: I'd like to move for a postponement until you can get us that then.

Substitute motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to postpone until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, excuse me. I just got a phone call. Is the Chief in?

Mayor Glover: Fire Chief or Police Chief?

Councilman Shyne: Police Chief, Chief, I just got a call from somebody on Pine Street. You know where Pine Street is over there by Woodlawn? Yeah, Pine Tree. Yeah and the guy was telling me that they kinda got an unruly crowd, yelling and he wanted to see if you could send a patrol officer out there.

Chief Shaw: No problem.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you Chief, thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman O. Jenkins: By the way, you got a deputy badge?

Councilman Shyne: I'm too old for that now.

6. Ordinance No. 55 of 2011: An ordinance declaring the City's intention to acquire full ownership of certain adjudicated properties located at 855 Texas Avenue and 869 Texas Avenue and otherwise providing with respect thereto.(B/Everson)

Having passed first reading on May 10, 2011 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman Webb to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

7. Ordinance No. 56 of 2011: An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport by repealing Division 9 of Article V. of Chapter 26 (The Solid Waste Collection Fee Special Revenue Fund) and by adding Division 9 of Article V. of Chapter 26 relative to establishing a Streets Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (G/S. Jenkins)

Having passed first reading on May 10, 2011 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to postpone until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

*The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:* 

#### ORDINANCE NO. 47 OF 2011

## AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, City of Shreveport owns certain property located at 2815 Metal

Street, having the legal description of Lot 4, Block 4, Breezy Hills Subdivision (GEO# 181434-44-4); and,

WHEREAS, City of Shreveport desire to lease said property subject to an option to purchase agreement prior to or upon expiration of the lease; and,

WHEREAS, Pearl L. Gibson, resident of Caddo Parish, Louisiana wishes to enter into a Lease/Purchase agreement with the City of Shreveport in accordance with the terms of the Lease/Purchase agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of

Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that Cedric Glover, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute a Lease Purchase Agreement between the City of Shreveport and Pearl L. Gibson, substantially in accordance with the draft thereof filed in

the Office of the Clerk of Council, on April 26, 2011, attached hereto.

## BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this Ordinance or the

application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or application of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 51 OF 2011

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPLACING SECTION 90-124, SPECIFIED "NO THROUGH TRUCK ROUTES", AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that Section 90-124 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Shreveport pertaining to Traffic and Vehicles, Specified "No through truck routes", is hereby amended and replaced to read as follows:

## Sec. 90-124. Specified "No through truck routes".

The following streets are specified "No through truck routes" subject to the provisions of section 90-123:

Albany Avenue between East Kings Highway and Fern Avenue

Albert Avenue 100 and 200 Blocks

Alkay Drive between Avalon Drive and Mansfield Road

North Allen Avenue between Ford and Patzman

Amelia Avenue between Lotus Lane and Mansfield Road

Archer Avenue between East Kings Highway and Youree Drive

Ardis Taylor Road between Mansfield Road and Colquitt Road

Ardmore 100 Block between Youree Drive and E Kings Highway

Atkins Avenue between Gilbert Avenue and Centenary Boulevard

Audubon Place between East Preston and Dixie Garden

Avalon Street between Hoyte and Mackey

Baird Road between Bert Kouns and Mansfield Road

Baxter Street between Jewella and Broadway

Bernstein Street between West 74th and West 70th

Bienville Avenue between Hollywood and Corbitt

Broadacres Road between West 70th Street and Westport Avenue

Brunswick Drive between Millicent Way and Sophia Drive

Cambridge Drive between Camelback Drive and University Drive

Camelback Drive between Millicent Way and Cambridge Drive

Camelia Lane between Azalea Drive and Southfield Road

Canal Boulevard between 70th Street and Hollywood Avenue

West Canal between Hollywood Avenue and Valleyview Drive

Captain Shreve Drive between East Preston and Dixie Garden

Claiborne Avenue between Mansfield Road and Hearne Avenue

Claiborne Avenue between San Jacinto Avenue and Grove Street

Clanton Street between St. Vincent and Linwood

Clyde Fant Parkway between Lake Street and North City Limits

Cornwell Street between Stoner and East Herndon

Crabapple Drive between Southland Park Drive and Kingston Road

Creswell Avenue between Kings Highway and Stoner Avenue

Creswell Avenue between Montrose Drive and Thora Boulevard

Dean Road between Colquitt Road and Flournoy-Lucas Road

Deer Park Road between North Market and Old Mooringsport Road

Drexel Drive between Fairfield and Dillingham

Dilg League between Jewella and Lakeshore

Earl Street between Linwood Avenue and St. Vincent Avenue

Egan Street between Coty Street and Centenary Boulevard

Ellerbe Road between LA 523 to South City Limits

East Elmwood Street between Madison Park Boulevard/Parkway Drive and Cornwell Street

Fairfax Avenue between Hollywood Avenue and Corbitt Street

Fairfield Avenue between Pierremont Road and Olive Street

Fern Avenue between East 70th and Pierremont Road

Forbing Road between Dalton Street and Flournoy-Lucas Road

Fulton Street between Linwood Avenue and Joplin Avenue

Gilbert Drive between East 70th Street and Spring Lake Drive

Green Terrace Road between Walker Road and Cana Drive

Greenbrook Boulevard between St. Vincent and Emerald Loop

Greenway Avenue 6700 and 6800 Blocks of Greenway

Hayes between Mansfield Road and Colquitt Road

Henderson Avenue between Pierremont Road and East 70th Street

Highland Avenue between Marshall Street and Ockley Drive

Hoyte Drive between Mansfield Road and Walker Road

Huntington Avenue between Bolinger Street and Wilkinson Street

Idema Street between Linwood Avenue and Mt. Zion Road

Kennedy Street between Hollywood Avenue and Henry Street

Kent Avenue between Hollywood Avenue and Corbitt Street

East Kings Highway between Shreveport Barksdale Boulevard and Southfield Road

East Kings Highway between Bert Kouns and Flournoy-Lucas Road

Klug Pines Road between Westport Avenue and West 70th Street

Ledbetter between Hollywood Avenue and Vernon Street

Lexington Avenue between Pierremont Road and East 66th Street

Longleaf Road between Line Avenue and Creswell Avenue

Louise Street between West 70th and West Canal Boulevard

Lyba Street between Monkhouse Drive and Curtis Lane

Millicent Way between Bert Kouns and Youree Drive

Millicent Way between LA 3132 and Camelback Drive

Morrison Drive 6700 and 6800 blocks

Ninock Street between Jewella Avenue and San Jacinto

North Southland Park Drive between Mansfield Road and Bert Kouns

Oakdale between Linwood Avenue and St. Vincent Avenue

Ockley Drive between Line Avenue and Fairfield Avenue

Oden Street between Clyde Fant Parkway and Wendy Lane

Pickwick Place between Wyngate and Kingston Road

Pines Road between West 70th Street and Flournoy-Lucas Road

Pomeroy Drive between Youree and Jackson Square Drive

Preston Avenue between East Kings Highway and Youree Drive

Queens Highway between East Kings Highway and Claiborne Avenue

Red Bud Lane between Jewella Avenue and Valleyview Drive

Richmond Avenue between Ockley Drive and Southfield Road

Rockwell Place 6700 and 6800 Blocks

Rook Street 200 block between Market Street and the Spring Street Service Road

San Jacinto Street between Greenwood Road and Lakeshore Drive

Santa Monica between Pines Road and Shadow Creek Drive

Sara Lane between Hoyte Drive and Mackey Lane

Savanna Drive between Summer Grove and Bert Kouns

Sidney Street 3200 Block

Sophia Lane between Youree Drive and Brunswick Drive

Southfield Road between Camelia Lane and Gilbert Drive

Southland Park Drive between Mansfield Road and Crabapple

Southland Park Drive between Mansfield Road and Bert Kouns

Springhill between Louisiana and McNeil

Stoner Alley between and parallel to Stoner Avenue and Wall Street, extending from Highland Avenue to Creswell Avenue

Stratmore Drive between Youree Drive and East Kings Highway

Summer Grove between Mansfield and Savanna

Sussex Avenue between Hollywood Avenue and Corbitt Street

Turtle Creek Drive between Youree Drive and Brunswick Drive

University Drive between East 70th Street and Youree Drive

Vine Street between Marshall Street and Market Street

Vivian Street between Hearne Avenue and Mansfield Road

Walker Road between Bert Kouns and Colquitt Road

Wall Street between Creswell Avenue and Highland Avenue

Wallace Avenue between West 70th Street and Browning

Washington Lane 6700 and 6800 Blocks

East Washington Street between Youree Drive and Higgins

Westport Avenue Service between 70th Street and Flournoy-Lucas Road

Williamson Way 8700 Block of Kingston Road extending West to City Limits

Woodford between Hearne Avenue and Mansfield Road

Wyngate Boulevard between Valley View and Pickwick Place

Wyngate Boulevard between West 70th Street and Valley View

Zeke Drive between Anderson Avenue and Shreveport-Barksdale Highway

East 62nd Street between Fairfield Avenue and Lexington Avenue

West 67th Street between Clift Street and Wallace Street

West 67th between Linwood and Union Avenue

West 68th between Linwood Avenue and St. Vincent

West 69th Street between Union Street and Linwood Avenue

West 73rd Street between Wallace Avenue and Union Avenue

East 73rd Street between Fairfield and Southern

West 74th Street between Linwood Avenue and Wallace

West 84th between St. Vincent Avenue and Fairfield Avenue

West 84<sup>th</sup> between Linwood Avenue and St. Vincent Avenue

East 85th between Fairfield Avenue and Line Avenue

85th Street between Linwood Avenue and St. Vincent Avenue

86th Street between Linwood Avenue and St. Vincent Avenue

.BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 52 OF 2011

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A NO PARKING ZONE ON THE EAST SIDE OF ST.VINCENT AVENUE BETWEEN LOUIS STREET AND LAWHON STREET AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in

regular and legal session convened that it shall hereafter be unlawful for anyone to park any vehicle at any time on the east side of St. Vincent Avenue between Louis Street and

## BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this

ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

#### BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or resolutions or parts

thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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#### **ORDINANCE NO. 53 OF 2011**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2011 GENERAL FUND BUDGET, APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED THEREIN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2011 Budget for the General Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 139 of 2010, the General Fund Budget, is hereby amended as follows:

## **In Section 2 (Appropriations):**

Decrease Operating Reserves by \$9,325, and increase Programs Service by \$9,325.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 139 of 2010 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications; and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 55 OF 2011

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE CITY'S INTENTION TO ACQUIRE FULL OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 855 TEXAS AVENUE AND 869 TEXAS AVENUE AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport, has a tax interest in the herein below described properties which have been adjudicated for the non-payment of City property taxes, said properties being more fully described below along with the names of the last known owners of record of the properties; and

**WHEREAS**, under La. R. S. 47:2236 et. seq. when property has been adjudicated to a political subdivision, the political subdivision may declare by ordinance that is intends to acquire a full ownership interest in the property; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED,** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby declare its intention to acquire the following properties in full ownership:

Geographical #	Physical Address	Legal Description	Assessed Owner
181437-014-0041-	855 Texas	Lots 15,16, and Lot17, less	Central Properties/US

00	Avenue	NE'LY 36 ft. lying next to lot 18, Blk. 1, W.R. Carter Subdivision, TAL 5	Bank
181437-014-0012-	869 Texas	, ,	Shreve Town
00	Avenue		Corporation
181437-014-0013-	869 Texas	, ,	Shreve Town
00	Avenue		Corporation

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** that in accordance with La. R. S. 47:2236 (B) this ordinance shall be filed with the recorder of mortgages, who shall index the names of the tax debtor and the City of Shreveport as mortgagees.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** that in accordance with La. R. S. 47:2236 (C) AND (D), notice shall be given to all persons whose interests the city intends to terminate, and notice shall be published in the official journal. Both notices shall state that the tax sale parties (defined by La. R. S. 47:2122) shall have sixty days after the date of the notice, if five years have elapsed from the filing of the tax sale certificate, or six months after the date of notice, it five years have not elapsed from the filing of the tax sale certificate, to redeem the property or otherwise challenge the acquisition in a court of competent jurisdiction.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that in accordance with La. R. S. 47:2236 (E), if the properties are not redeemed within said time limits, this ordinance shall become operative and the City of Shreveport shall acquire full ownership of the properties, subject only to such rights as determined by a final judgment rendered in an action filed within the time limits set forth above.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** that in accordance with La. R. S. 47:2236 (E), the City shall file a notice in the conveyance records indicating that it has acquired full ownership of the properties in compliance with the statute.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

#### **Tabled legislation**.

- 1. <u>Ordinance No. 178 of 2010</u>: An ordinance amending the 2011 Budget for the General Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Tabled January 25, 2011*)
- 2. <u>Ordinance No. 179 of 2010</u>: An ordinance amending the 2011 Budget for the Metropolitan Planning commission's Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (E/Webb) (*Tabled January 25, 2011*)

3. Ordinance No. 185 of 2010: An ordinance granting to the Southwestern Electric Power Company the right, privilege, and franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain, repair, reconstruct, and operate a system of electric power lines, wires, transformers, communication cables,, and other related and necessary or desirable appurtenances in, under, over, across, through, and along any and all of the present and future streets, avenues, alleys, thoroughfares, roads, highways, sidewalks bridges, and public properties of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana for the purpose of transmitting and distributing electric power to the city and it inhabitants and any other person or persons, firms, and corporations for a term of twenty-five years, regulating the use of streets by the company and repair and restoration of the streets disturbed by construction; Providing for compensation to be paid to the City; Providing that this franchise shall not be exclusive; Providing the company's obligations to furnish efficient service; Providing for indemnity by the company to the city; Providing for conditional forfeiture in event of default by the company; Making miscellaneous provisions relative to this grant of franchise; Providing for acceptance by company; Providing a severability clause; Providing an effective date, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (Tabled February 22, 2011)

Councilman O. Jenkins: I don't expect us - - - hopefully next meeting, we'll be able to address Ordinance No. 185, once the contract is (inaudible)

## **Appeals**

## **Property Standards Appeals**

**HBO0700145:** 426 Woodrow, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) *Ms. Carolyn Miller*, 424 Woodrow, Shreveport, LA 71105 (F/Shyne) (*Postponed November 22, 2010 until May 23, 2011*)

**PSD0900006:** 2006 Looney Street, Shreveport, LA (A/McCulloch) Ms. Niakia Cook-Jones, 6777 Rasberry Lane, Apartment 1421, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) (*Postponed November 22, 2010 until May 23, 2011*)

**PSD0800400**: 5318 Mansfield Road, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Mr. Darien Kirkendoll, P.O. Box 8703, Bossier City, LA. (*Postponed February 18, 2011 until August 22, 2011*)

**PSD0900275**: 140 Pennsylvania Avenue, Shreveport, LA (C/Jenkins) Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Powell, 819 ½ Boulevard Street, Shreveport, LA 71104 (B/Everson) (*Postponed March 21, 2011 until May 23, 2011*)

**HBO1000030**: 153 Merrick Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) Ms. Lola B. Layton, P.O. Box 4582 Shreveport, LA 71134 (*Postponed April 11, 2011 until July 11, 2011*)

**PSD1000086**: 2837 Logan Street, Shreveport, LA (A/McCulloch) Ms. Carolyn Ivory Wilson, 3646 Del Rio Street, Shreveport, LA 71109 (G/Jenkins) (*Postponed May 9, 2011 until August 8, 2011*)

CAB1000828: 3135 Idledays Dr., Shreveport, LA 71107 (A/Lester), Mr. Leroy Carey, 3135 Idledays Drive, Shreveport, LA 71107 (A/McCulloch) (*Postponed January 24, 2011 until July 25, 2011*)

**PSD1000061**: 9025 Hilton Dr, Shreveport, LA (E/Webb) Mr. Jim Bruce, 9045 Hilton Drive, Shreveport, LA 71118 (E/Webb) (*Postponed May 9, 2011 until July 11, 2011*)

**PSD1000128**: 2900 West Maple Street, Shreveport, LA (G/Jenkins) Mr. William Herbert Edelen, III, PO Box 8888, Shreveport, LA 71148 (*Postponed April 25, 2011 until June 27, 2011*)

**HBO1000057**: 518 W. 74<sup>th</sup> Street, Shreveport, LA 71106 (F/Shyne) Mr. Lewis Stringer, 518 W. 74<sup>th</sup> Street, Shreveport, LA 71106 (F/Shyne) (*Postponed January 24, 2011 until June 27, 2011*)

**PSD1000169** 4017 Crosby Street, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Ms. De'Borah Vance-Mozell, 2, Summer Cottage LN., Franklin Park, NJ 08823. (*Postponed February 18, 2011 until June 27, 2011*)

**PSG10000057**: 3921 Bullen Street, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Mr. James Mason P.O. Box 462, Shreveport, LA. (*Postponed May 9, 2011 until July 11, 2011*)

**PSD1000141** 728 Austin Pl, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) Ms. Deborah Bryant, 9640 Tammy, Shreveport, LA 71106 (Caddo Parish) (*Tabled April 11, 2011*)

**PSD1100010** 3159 Ashton, Shreveport, LA (A/McCulloch) Mr. Jimmy Lee Burke, 2627 Quinton, Shreveport, LA, 71103 (B/Everson) (*Postponed April 25, 2011 until June 27, 2011*)

**PSD1000112** 532 Jordan, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) Mr. Brian Lazon, 4441 Norway Drive, Shreveport, LA 71105 (C/O. Jenkins) (*Postponed May 9, 2011 until July 11, 2011*)

## **Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Appeals**

Ms. Senerica Smith, 6006 Henderson, Shreveport, LA 71106 (C/O. Jenkins) *Courtyard Marriot*, 6001 Financial Plaza, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne)

## **Metropolitan Planning Commission Appeals and Zoning Board of Appeals**

*The Clerk read the following:* 

ZONING APPEAL BAC-88-10 – Property located on the south side of East 70<sup>th</sup> Street, 150' west of Thornhill Avenue, Shreveport, LA (C/O. Jenkins)

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, I guess if someone from the MPC is here, that would be great. Okay, I am quasi familiar with this, but I think for the benefit of the rest of the council, I would like for you to go through, kinda from your side how we got to where we are with this particular issue.

Mr. Jambor: Sure. And I don't have a copy of the letter that was read, but I'm going to deal with it from memory. Well that's okay.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I just want the gist.

Mr. Jambor: The gist is, this is a property that once upon a time had parking that was drive-in parking, and I hope y'all know what I mean by that on 70<sup>th</sup> Street. All the parking was literally. you access it kinda like you do in front of Strawns on Kings Highway. You pull in, you back out in the interstate. When they - - - once upon a time, when they widened 70<sup>th</sup> Street, the State of Louisiana bought that property. Okay, so that that parking became unusable. It is no longer deep enough or safe enough to do those things. The owner of the property was well compensated for that loss of parking. As a result the market value was seriously diminished because it had no parking whatsoever. I can assure you I went to the property and dug to the best of my knowledge, there had never been a driveway existing on either side of the building. That was the only parking that was ever there. So now what you have is a situation where somebody buys a piece of property, and it's worth less money and they have to provide new parking. The issue that they're referring to in regards to the DOTD, the way this building is placed, there is a limited amount of distance between the building and the property line in which to put a driveway. Current DOTD standards requires that you put a radius on your driveway, a curb, that will accommodate the turning radius of the largest vehicle that's going to be accessing your site. In this case, it would be a passenger automobile or a truck. Because of the limit of the amount of space on the side of the building, that radius would in fact go in front of not this property, but in front of the adjacent property. Which thereby restricts the neighbors and where they would place a driveway. So what DOTD requires you to do is get a letter of no objection from your neighbors before they will allow you to put a driveway that close to your own property line, where the radius in fact is in front of somebody else's property. That has nothing to do with the MPC. What we have here before you guys and actually it was the previous council that heard the case originally. What we have is a situation where they needed the parking variance. Before then they basically had the same situation, they had a limited access problem, and they had a much more severe shortage. And basically they were saying without any rational reason for doing so, they were just going to say we don't think we need this much parking but our people don't ride the bus. We have no explanation why we don't need this much parking, we just don't want to provide it. The case was heard, it was remanded back, under the assumption and the understanding that they now have the ability to provide an off site parking lease. Which deals with (inaudible) if in fact, they were able to get a lease that met the requirements of the Shreveport Code of Ordinances, they wouldn't have been in front of us at all, the case would have just disappeared in it's entirety. No variance would have been necessary, unfortunately the lease that they got did not meet those requirements. So instead what they did was

Councilman O. Jenkins: What requirements? How does it not meet those requirements?

Mr. Jambor: Well it's a lease with a time of five years or less that can be unilaterally terminated by the other party, which means that that parking can go away. You follow me? And that is in the ordinance that says if you can provide a lease with those provisions, and it has to be recorded, etc., etc., etc. But anyway to make a long story short, instead what we had was a situation where they

had a lease, we had every reason to believe that it might be renewed in the future, or that this might be addressed. Actually what they were saying is that we're not going to be around here that long. We're not worried about anything beyond five years, but we can assure you that the variance attaches to the land. So regardless of whether they're around, the problem will be around much longer than they will even if they do tend to disappear within five years. But so anyway, what this was instead a - - - what you might call an argument to suggest that maybe they (inaudible) to the variance. And quite frankly the ZBA said yeah, we'll go there, we think that's a very good argument (inaudible) the variance. The only thing we would ask them to do is access the property in a safe manner. Build that parking where it can be accessed in a safe manner. Very clearly you can see from the emails from DOTD that their policies, laws, rules, regulations aren't going to allow this thing to be built in the front. What we recommend that they do, okay was access the property from the back from the alley on Thornhill. From our calculations, it actually involved less paying that way than what they were showing on the site plan. And we told them that they could maybe speak to engineering and maybe they could get some help improving that alleyway up to their property, and our board made it clear that they were ready and willing to approve it on that basis. They said no, we're not interested in that.

Councilman Webb: What kind of businesses were in there prior to this?

Mr. Jambor: It looked like something, you know there hadn't been anything in there for quite a long time. You know the property has been vacant for a number of years. I think it was some kind of automotive parts store, but I wouldn't swear to it. I can assure you that what it had was very limited dive in parking of which you can still see the (inaudible) which lets you know that tell the cars where to stop before you run into the building.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I'd be interested in knowing what's going to make this thing work. You've got a building that's been empty. Now you've got someone interested in coming in and doing something with a clinic. I mean it's not like a dance hall.

Councilman O. Jenkins: It's open for business as we speak, if I'm not mistaken, right?

Mr. Jambor: Not that I'm aware of.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Oh, she's treating patients somewhere else?

Mr. Jambor: That is correct.

Councilman S. Jenkins: So I'm interested in you know - - -?

Councilman Shyne: What can make it happen.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Yeah, exactly.

Mr. Jambor: You might consider modifying the building so that you can get enough room for a driveway. If you could get a letter from the neighbors that say we don't intend to build our driveway here, you're not encroaching on us. But we don't control that.

Councilman S. Jenkins: It seems to be some history of problems with the neighbors. Who exactly are the neighbors? Are we talking about residents or other businesses.

Mr. Jambor: Businesses.

Councilman S. Jenkins: It seems to be a problem with the neighbors.

Mr. Jambor: Well, or simply access the property from the alley. That requires nothing from anybody.

Councilman S. Jenkins: So, what's the issue with accessing it from the rear there, what's the problem?

Mr. Jambor: They don't want to do it.

Councilman Shyne: Why?

Councilman O. Jenkins: That's always been the question, why. I understand you writing the letter because of your clients' safety. You know I've seen this. I drove over there the other day. I don't know why this is more of a safety issue by accessing it from the alley.

Mr. Togun: Because it's dark.

Councilman Shyne: Put you some lights back there, it's cheaper.

Mr. Togun: (Inaudible) mainly having to go at night.

Councilman Corbin: What hours are you going to operate?

Mr. Togun: It's a pediatric clinic, yes.

Councilman S. Jenkins: What we're asking is what would be your hours of operations.

Mr. Togun: It's 8:00 a.m. till she finishes. Sometimes 7-8:00 p.m. She's there now, she had to leave. (Inaudible) the patients who come. Most of them come after school, or when parents are off work and then they take their kids to the clinic. So it's difficult to predict specific hours of operation. Opening 8:00 a.m., closing whenever.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I mean I just will say from my perspective, and first of all I want to say all of us, or at least I'll speak for myself. We certainly want you to be in business here, it's a great thing for that community, and our predecessors felt the same way about that. I know y'all had

lengthy discussions and some people will certainly that were on the council before, grew up in this neighborhood, and were very, very supportive of this. And we are equally supportive of that. But the obvious solution of what appears to be a very obvious solution to us in front of us is this rear access. Frankly, you're response to it being a safety issue is from my personal perspective not very strong. So if there is any other underlying issues with regard to that, this is a very good time to voice those.

Mr. Togun: Just to do what is the best for the patients. I (inaudible) safety issue, but I wouldn't want to walk in the dark alley at night, the clinic (inaudible) it's not lighted and they have to go through alley, what if somebody sticks you up.

Councilman O. Jenkins: But the people are walking through the alley, they're just the drivers - - - the people walking to the business would be on 70<sup>th</sup> Street.

Councilman Webb: What are the business hours for B-3?

Mr. Jambor: Well a B-3 can be open until midnight.

Councilman Webb: Are you going to be open till midnight?

Mr. Togun: (Inaudible) 8:00 p.m. latest. Yes, yes.

Mr. Jambor: If I may, one of the things that made this so practical from what we can see, and I went out to the site and investigated myself. It is exactly one lot of Thornhill, which is basically approximately 150 feet. I mean lights on his property could easily light the way between Thornhill and his property.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Would there be no front access at all?

Mr. Jambor: There's no today. It never has been ever since the highway was widened and the old parking was bought.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I understand, but this is what I'm asking. If this went from the rear, you'd have to park in the rear and enter the building in the rear?

Mr. Jambor: That would be the cheapest. In theory, you could remodel the building and take off a corner of it, so that he could get the driveway and then offset it. That's a little more expensive than accessing it to the rear.

Councilman Everson: So there is rear access now?

Mr. Jambor: Through the alley. And then like I said, we even offered to talk to engineering about getting some assistance in approving the alley. You know but - - -

Councilman Everson: I'm sorry, I mean to the building. Is there rear access to the building?

Councilman Shyne: There is a rear door. If I was you, I'd have SWEPCO or either some electrical people to come out and put me some flood lights back there. If it depends on me being able to open, or have some lights, I think I would choose the lights. Because the way it seems like its going now, what you want to have done, might not happen. And what was it, one lot between - - - yeah, one piece of property? Right. You know it just seems like to me that you would come out cheaper by having you some lights put up back there. And you know I'm not a safety expert, although I practice a little law sometimes Sam.

Councilman S. Jenkins: At night.

Councilman Shyne: Right. But I've been by there and it doesn't seem like it's - - - and Oliver, you can correct me if I'm wrong, it doesn't seem like it's a bad neighborhood.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I wouldn't say that that area is (inaudible) under populated these days, so I don't see a whole lot of foot traffic, or crime in that area.

Councilman Shyne: That's what I'm saying. So now if it would come down to me opening my business, and maybe kinda taking some of the ideas or the suggestions that the councilmen and MPC have given you, I think I would go with that instead of saying no, I'm not going to do that, this is the way I want it done, like this.

Mr. Togun: Sir, we can do it that way as far as the patients are concerned. And also the cost. How much do I have to go through to put lights on. Engineering is (inaudible) for free? Probably not.

Councilman Shyne: You making money though. I mean you're in business. You don't expect to go into business free do you?

Mr. Togun: Not really, no.

Councilman Shyne: And matter of fact, you're not going to ask him to break the law, I mean you're not asking the MPC or the City Council to let you do this free? I mean to have a couple of lights put up back there, I see a couple of contractors back there, and they probably could tell you, hey \$3 or 400. And you gone home. And you know you can make that much off one patient. I mean I went to the doctor the other day, I was surprised at the bill I got at home. Mr. Mayor, I started to call you, and come down here and cry on your shoulder and ask you to help me. So I mean it's not like you're going to be investing a lot of money that you're not going to get it back. That's cheaper than you - - - like what he said, re-figurating your building. Cause that's going to be too much money.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Do you have an estimate of what it's going to cost you when you do your curb cut and your current parking proposal? A financial estimate, or somebody to do that for you?

Mr. Togun: No, not yet.

Mr. Jambor: And that's kinda where we were coming from. It looks like it would be cheaper to come through the alley.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I am not in the construction business, but you've already got the road that's already existing there. Rather than bulldozing through a sidewalk and a curb cut. The alley does need improvement?

Mr. Jambor: Instead of building two driveways, he would be improving the city's alley up to the parking lot. And they may help.

Councilman O. Jenkins: You know that's certainly worthy of a request.

Mr. Jambor: That's free land from the way we look at it.

Councilman Corbin: Just quickly I have went to this property as well, and when we talk about dark from the alley and safety issues, the big concern I have is if you secure parking across the street, there's no crosswalk at either corner of Thornhill or Fairfield - - - that's the important part.

Mr. Jambor: And we did consider that. You know the idea of no patrons would be expected to do that (inaudible) employees.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Sure, but an employee can get hit just as well.

Mr. Jambor: Well and quite frankly one of the things that dissuades us is if he doesn't build a driveway, he might actually be able to put more parking on the property (inaudible). That lease goes away.

Councilman Corbin: But today, if his parking across the street is for employees only, then he has zero parking for patients?

Mr. Jambor: Oh yeah, there's no parking on the property today until he (inaudible). His site plan was to construct a parking lot, but we have no problem with that. The issue is how to get to that parking lot.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And so sir, you have not done any estimate at all in terms of what this whole improvement both to the parking lot or this access to the property?

Mr. Togun: (Inaudible) specifics on how much it will cost. This has plans attached to that later, but you know (inaudible) new ones.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Let me ask one other question just on the procedure. So if we deny this appeal, what is his recourse at this point?

Mr. Jambor: He has 30 days in which case he can file suit in district court.

Councilman S. Jenkins: That's what I was trying to get straight. I thought what was here now - - - so in other words if we deny his appeal, what he has in place now will not allow him the clinic to stay open?

Mr. Jambor: He's not open at this location.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Everything will be just be status quo until - - - well the option would be to go to court to try to overturn the decision of the council, or he could still go back and try to make those modifications to the parking lot and come back to the MPC?

Mr. Jambor: Y'all could remand it again if he's willing to look at that as a solution. We've offered to help him cost engineer, deal with engineering, but the offer was refused.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Well I guess what I'm trying to hear from you all as owners, and unfortunately, the way you want to go about it doesn't look like it's going to work. Believe me, if we could, I'd be with you, okay? Because I want to see the clinic coming to the neighborhood. But I'm sitting here and I'm looking at it okay, but I'm sitting and I'm looking and I just don't see anyway to make it work the way I think you want it to work. The question I'm asking is if this thing was put off, instead of denying you and it was put off, I guess what we need to know are you willing to go and look into complying with what the MPC's asked you to do as far as trying to get some access from the rear. Are y'all willing to do that?

Mr. Togun: Actually what we want to know is the final resolution one way or the other. So (inaudible) what to do next. It's been back and forth for too long and (inaudible)

Councilman Everson: I think the answer is that you will not probably be able to do it the way that you want to, but that you could work on having parking in the rear. Is that an answer that you want us to try to give you, or do you just want us to say no?

Mr. Togun: I just want you to do what you think best.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, so let me ask this from one other status. If we deny the appeal itself, he then at that point needs to come back to you with a new site plan. Is that correct?

Mr. Jambor: Well if it's denied by you guys. We had a similar conversation at the ZBA. In theory he has to wait a year before he can even reapply.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay. I mean I think collectively - - -

Mr. Jambor: Y'all could waive that.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, can we waive that is my question because I don't want to put that burden on him, but I want him to be resolved in coming up with a new solution as soon as possible.

Mr. Jambor: Like you do with the alcohol, assuming that's (inaudible) about ordinance as it relates to this specific case, in order for him to reapply within a year.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Then can we do something here at the moment (inaudible)

Mr. Jambor: I think he'd have to wait to reapply.

Ms. Scott: Well, there is a provision in the zoning ordinance that says if you reapply again for the same application, you have to wait a year. You can't apply again for the same property for the same application. In this instance if the motion from the Council is that we would suspend the effects of that, in your decision and allow him to come back, and not wait the one year to reapply (inaudible).

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, then that is my motion.

Councilman Shyne: I'll second it.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And that is because we want you to be able to move forward and come up with a new plan as soon as possible and not hold you back any further. Roy, I know you're in a hurry to go home, but not related to this, before you leave, I've got something I want to bring up that I need your help with.

Mr. Jambor: No problem.

Motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Shyne to deny the appeal, and to suspend the effects of Section 106-50 of the Code of Ordinances (for this case only) in order to allow the applicant to re-apply within one year. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

## **Other Appeals**

## Reports from officers, boards, and committees

Councilman Everson: From the B-4 Committee, we did have a meeting yesterday and discussed several topics, one of which was the Shreveport Common Plan, that has been in the works. They did - - - the planners on that project did do a presentation to the committee to the Shreveport Common Committee of the initial plan that's been done. There's still some tweaking and reworking of to be done in the next few weeks, and it will be presented to us at the next City Council meeting I believe, so we'll be looking forward to that, and they did come and share a little bit about what the plan would entail and how extensive it was. The committee, not the B-4 Committee, but the Shreveport Common Committee that looked at it on which I also said had a chance to see the actual plan and I have to say it was pretty impressive. It was very comprehensive. They involved the opinions of a large number of people, and stakeholders in that community, and so there was kind of an initial presentation of what information that was delivered at our B-4

Committee meeting. Another thing that we talked about was uses by right. There are some concern that the uses by right that are listed in the B-4 definition are not congruent with some of the other sections of the zoning (inaudible) there are some things that are defined a little bit differently because of the age of the B-4 District, and it's been around for so long, the policy has been piecemealed and piecemealed over the years, and there was some concern that they need to look at that, and start over at our next session to define it so that we're not just adding to very old language, which sometimes running into unusual problems because of that. The final subject discussed at the meeting was that there have been some increased complaints about homelessness downtown where the homeless population is beginning to encroach on different parts of downtown and they customarily have done and so, we did have some representatives from several homeless organizations that deal with the homeless population to explain a little bit about their perception as to why might be. We also did a review of the policies that we have on the books right now, and asked the members of the committee to review the proposed policies that we may consider adding to the agenda to help address these issues. So, it was a productive meeting, no policy recommendations coming out of it just yet. But just to let you know there are some that may be coming on the horizon.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I just want to tell Ms. Harrish, we're going to get to her in a few minutes, because I know she's about to say. She lives out in my area and she wants to get home before dark.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Absolutely. Okay. Mr. Thompson, is there a clerk's report?

## Clerk's report

Mr. Thompson: Because Mr. Shyne wants us to move forward, no sir.

The Committee "rises and reports" (reconvenes the regular council meeting).

**Adjournment**: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

//s// Oliver Jenkins, Chairman

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//s// Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council